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APPENDIX A.

NUMBER OF VOLUMES in the FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY on the 31st December, 1889.

Synopsis of Classification.	Reference Department.	Lending Branch.	For Country Libraries.	Total.
Natural Philosophy, Science, and the Arts	6,510	3,115	743	10,368
History, Chronology, Antiquities, and Mythology	5,466	2,662	910	9,038
Biography and Correspondence	3,895	3,221	1,042	8,158
Geography, Topography, Voyages and Travels, &c.	5,590	2,994	717	9,301
Periodical and Serial Literature	15,574	.....	.....	15,574
Jurisprudence	2,748	723	65	3,536
Theology, Moral and Mental Philosophy, and Education	3,374	1,181	99	4,654
Poetry and Drama	1,973	682	89	2,744
Miscellaneous Literature and Collected Works	4,494	4,370*	326	9,190
Works of Reference and Philology	4,022	.....	.....	4,022
Patents (transferred to the Patent Office) ..... 4,355 vols.	.....	.....	.....	.....
Duplicates and unbound Volumes	1,446	.....	.....	1,446
Pamphlets	3,002	.....	.....	3,002
Books for the Blind	.....	598	.....	598
Total Number of Volumes	58,094	19,546	3,991	81,631

Books worn out and lost during the year, deducted from the stock:—Reference Library, 13; Lending Branch, 339.

* Including 1,881 vols. of Prose Fiction.

APPENDIX B.

NUMBER and average of visits of Readers to the Library, the number of days the Library was open to the public, and the average number of volumes used on Sundays and on Week-days, from 1st January to 31st December, 1889.

Number of visits for the year—

To the Reference Library	78,712
To the Lending Branch	54,271
Total	132,983

Total visits to the Reference Library on Week-days	75,246	On Sundays	3,466
Total visits to the Lending Branch on Week-days	51,964	On Sundays	2,307
Daily average of visits to the Reference Library on Week-days	256	On Sundays	66
Daily average of visits to the Lending Branch on Week-days	176	On Sundays	47

Total number of days that the REFERENCE LIBRARY was open (including Sundays) 358

Total number of days that the LENDING BRANCH was open (including Sundays) 343

Average number of VOLUMES used on SUNDAYS—

Reference Library (from 2 to 6 o'clock p.m.)	112
Lending Branch (from 2 to 6 o'clock p.m.)	56
Total	168

Average number of VOLUMES used on WEEK-DAYS—

Reference Library (from 10 o'clock a.m. to 10 o'clock p.m.)	690
Lending Branch (from 10 o'clock a.m. to 9 o'clock p.m.)	223
Total	913

Summary

3. Printed catalogue slips of the contents of each box, stating the value of each book, together with forms of application for loans, will be forwarded, free of charge, on application being made to the Principal Librarian.

4. Trustees or Committees of Country Libraries, &c., wishing to obtain books on loan, must make application in writing, stating which particular box of books they desire to borrow; and their application must be accompanied by an undertaking in the form approved by the Trustees of the Free Public Library, Sydney, to indemnify them against loss.

5. Borrowers in their applications must give a full description of the library, room, or building in or from which it is proposed to deposit or lend the books, and must specify the time for which they desire to retain the use of the books. They must also submit, for the approval of the Trustees, the conditions or regulations under which it is proposed to lend any books so obtained from the Trustees, who reserve to themselves the right of refusing any application without assigning any reason therefor.

6. No charge will be made for the loan of any box of books to cover the cost of freight, packing, and collating; but no receipt will be given for any books returned until they have been collated and an adjustment made for any loss or damage that may be discovered.

APPLICATION TO BORROW BOOKS.

Sir, 189 .

We are desirous of borrowing the books enumerated in your catalogue slip No. on behalf of the of which the names of the * are

It is proposed to retain the books for months from the date of their despatch from Sydney, and to keep them (while not lent under the conditions mentioned below) in the building of which a *full* description is attached, in order that you may effect an insurance on the said books to cover risk against fire so long as they remain in the said building.

Enclosed herewith is a copy of the regulations under which we propose to lend the books, and we agree to sign an undertaking in the form required by the Trustees of the Free Public Library, Sydney.

We have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servants.

The Principal Librarian, Free Public Library, Sydney.

* Trustees or Committee.

UNDERTAKING to be signed by Borrowers of Books from the Free Public Library, Sydney, for use of Libraries, &c., in Country Districts.

IN consideration of the books enumerated in the Catalogue hereunto annexed, together with the box containing the same, having this day been delivered to us by Robert Cooper Walker, the Principal Librarian of the said Free Public Library, Sydney, for the use of the situate at we, the undersigned, undertake and agree with the said Robert Cooper Walker, and also with the Trustees of the said Free Public Library, Sydney, and each and any two or more of them, as follows:—

1. The books will be kept in a suitable apartment of the said to be approved of by the Trustees of the said Free Public Library, Sydney, and the public will be permitted to use the same during such hours only as shall be determined by the Trustees (or Committee, as the case may be) but may be lent by such of the said Trustees (or Committee, as the case may be) under the same Regulations as shall apply to books belonging to the said institution.

2. The said books and box shall be returned to the said Robert Cooper Walker, or other Principal Librarian for the time being of the said Free Public Library, Sydney, at the expiration of months from the date of despatch from Sydney, in good condition, allowance being made for reasonable wear.

3. We undertake to pay to the said Robert Cooper Walker, or other Principal Librarian for the time being of the Free Public Library:—

(1.) The value of every book not returned.

(2.) The estimated value of the injury done to any volume, work, set, or series, or box, of which value the Trustees for the time being of the Free Public Library, or any two of them, shall be the sole judges.

(3.) The value of the whole work, set, or series, in case any volume or part thereof shall not be returned within the time above mentioned.

4. In case default shall be made in the observance or performance of any of the conditions aforesaid, we will pay to the said Robert Cooper Walker, or other Principal Librarian of the said Free Public Library, Sydney, for the time being, the sum of £50 (fifty pounds) as liquidated damages.

Dated at this day of 18 .

Witness to the signature of the said—

Witness to the signature of the said—

APPENDIX H.

LIST of Donations during the year 1889, received from the following:—

Adelaide Library. Appendix to Catalogue of, 1886–89.
Allen, C. H. Anti-Slavery Reporter, November, 1888, to October, 1889.
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Astor Library. Fortieth Annual Report, 1888.
Australian Museum. Descriptive Catalogue of Sponges; by R. von Lendenfeld. (2 copies.)
" Monograph of the Horny Sponges; by R. von Lendenfeld.
" Report of the Trustees, 1888; with Supplement.
Ballaarat Cemetery Trust. Chairman's Report and Statistics, 1888.
Bell and Sons, G. Schoolmaster's Calendar, 1889.
Berry, A. Report of the Ballaarat School of Mines.
Birmingham Libraries. Twenty-seventh Annual Report, 1888.
Blackpool Free Library. Eighth Annual Report, 1887–88.
Bodleian Library. Reports from the Librarian, 1882–88.
Bolton Public Library. Thirty-sixth Annual Report, 1888–89.
Bray, J. S. Ethnology of New Guinea.

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Brooks, W. Sydney Review.
Brothers, B. Materialism Vindicated.
Calvert, J. J. Journal of the Legislative Council of N.S.W., 1887–89. Vols. 43, 44.
Carter and Co., J. Carter's Tested Seeds, 1888.
Centennial Exhibition, Melbourne, 1888, N.S.W. Commission. Catalogue of Exhibits in N.S.W. Court.
Chapman and Hall. Evolution of Ancient Hinduism; by A. M. Floyer.
Cincinnati Public Library. Quarterly Bulletins, 1888.
Cobden Club. A.B.C. of Free Trade.
„ Annual Meeting of Cobden Club, 1889.
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„ British Farmer and his Competitors.
„ Caribbean Confederation.
„ Displacement of Labour and Capital.
„ Effect of Protection on Wages.
„ Essay on the Transfer of Land.
„ Fair Trade and Agriculture.
„ Fair Trade Unmasked.
„ Free Trade.
„ Free Trade and English Commerce.
„ French Corn Laws.
„ Industrial Competition and Commercial Freedom.
„ Life of Cobden; by J. Morley. (2 copies.) 2 vols. 8vo.
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„ Local Administration in United States.
„ Mine Rents and Mineral Royalties.
„ Our Land Laws of the Past.
„ Pleas for Protection Examined.
„ Political Writings of Cobden.
„ Popular Falacies.
„ Public Education in Austria.
„ Richard Cobden; by Gowing.
„ Secretary of State for India in Council.
„ Sugar Convention.
„ Sugar Convention and Bill.
„ Technical Education.
„ Western Farmer of America.
„ What Protection does for the Farmer.
Coles, Dr. A. Life and Teachings of Our Lord.
„ New Rendering of the Hebrew Psalms.
Counsel, E. Maxims, Political, Philosophical, &c.
Colonial Secretary. Colonial Office List, 1889.
„ Foreign Office List, 1889.
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Curnow, W. L. Rules and Regulations of the Sydney University Union.
Curwen, J. S. Musical Herald, December, 1888, to November, 1889.
Darley, His Honor Sir F. M., Chief Justice, President of the N.S.W. Section of the Centennial International Exhibition, Melbourne, 1888. A collection of Photographic Views of the City of Sydney; with a bound volume of Newspapers published in New South Wales on or about the 26th January, 1888, the centenary of the foundation of the Colony.
Devon and Exeter Free Library. Eighteenth and Nineteenth Annual Reports, 1888–89.
Dowling, E. Pamphlets of Board of Technical Education, N.S.W.
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Gayll, A. History of Botany Bay.
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APPENDIX I.

List of Books missing from the Lending Branch during 1889.

No. Author and Title of Book. Borrowed by

3.81 B—Lamartine's French Revolution. E. G. Froam, 4, Victoria Chambers, Elizabeth-street.
5.1 H—Warner's Wide Wide World. H. A. Sheen, 149, Elizabeth-street, Redfern.
5.191 H—Bunce's Cloudland. Mrs. F. M. Ellis. Smith-street, Balmain.
8.148 F—Hughes's Economy of Thought. J. J. Golden, 14, Bennett-street, Moore Park.
10.148 H—Hughes's Tom Brown's School Days. E. Goodwin, 83, College-street, Camperdown.
10.167 F—Studies of Man. A. Willmott, Mill Hill-street, Waverley.
13.81 A—Dolbear's The Telephone. H. Hendy-Pooley, 60, Macleay-street, Potts Point.
13.188 D—Drayson's Han's Sterk. Mrs. E. Kensit, Gerald-street, Marrickville.
14.66–8 H—Froude's Short Studies. M. Small, Ryde.
14.69 D—Young's Nyassa. L. Jaap, 55, Womerah Avenue, Darlinghurst.
15.36–7 C—Barker's French Society. W. J. Hamill, 373, Crown-street.
16.76 H—Haliburton's Attaché. J. Johnson, 119, Victoria-street, Darlinghurst.
16.128 H—Thackeray's Paris Sketch-book. Mrs. Bolingbroke, 99, Palmer-street.
17.88 C—Helps's Life of Columbus. F. W. Blackshaw, 79, Stanley-street.
18.76 G—Milton's Poetical Works. C. J. Smith, 101, Bourke-street, Woolloomooloo.
18.167 D—Jackson's Sketches in the Sweet South. A. Scott-broad, St. Mary's Terrace, Woolloomooloo.
20.7 D—Prime's Around the World. H. G. Flint, 98, Dowling-street, Surry Hills.
21.7 D—Speke's Discovery of the Source of the Nile. C. Browne, Rochester Cottage, Stanmore.
22.80 H—Warren's Now and then. J. W. V. Stevenson, Ranges Road, Neutral Bay.
22.169 H—Thackeray's Book of Snobs. F. Walden, John-street, Woollahra.
22.174 B—Wilson's Cleopatra's Needle. A. Hartley, University-street, Camperdown.
23.49 D—Tilley's Japan, the Amoor, &c. Miss A. Wray, 301, Darlington Road.
24.137 C—Gardiner, Story of. Mrs. S. Burne, 53, Douglas-street, Redfern.
27.2 H—Dickens's Barnaby Rudge. Miss M. O'Connor, Junction-street, Forest Lodge.
27.3 H—Dickens's Bleak House. H. La Grange, 175, William-street, City.
28.151 B—Schmitz's Ancient History. P. Lyons, Carrington Road, Waverley.
30.24 B—Thackeray's Christmas Books. C. Hammond, 99, Paddington-street, Paddington.
30.35 H—Thackeray's Irish Sketch Book. J. C. Gill, 71, Lower Fort-street, City.
30.51 H—Thackeray's Newcomes. B. Mackinnon, "Gowree," Waverley.
31.15 H—Lockhart's Adam Blair. Miss S. Campbell, 219, Victoria-street, Darlinghurst.
32.189 H—Trollope's Framley Parsonage. F. White, Malcolm-street, Macdonald Town.
33.166–8 H—Smith's Jane Lomax. J. Eager, 4, Elizabeth Square, Paddington.
34.51 H—Hugo's Slave King. W. Duncan, 181, Devonshire-street, Surry Hills.
35.100 H—Romances of Chivalric Ages. G. Brown, University-street, Camperdown.
37.61–2 H—Fielding's Amelia. L. R. Jarrett, Australia-street, Woollahra.
37.107 H—Christie's Love Story. E. B. Pearson, 71, York-street, City.
39.118–9 C—Hingston's Genial Showman. E. A. Gillett, 71, Bathurst-street.
44.124 H—Simpson's Prophecies in the Old and New Testaments. J. M. Foggan, 17, Wilson-street, Newtown.
45.150 D—Vijn's Cetshwayo's Dutchman. J. Moran, "Queensland Hotel," Erskine-street.
45.151 H—Melville's Market Harborough. J. Doherty, Brown-street, Camperdown.
48.103 B—Croker's History of the Guillotine. L. H. Reddall, 21, Brisbane-street.
48.138 A—Circle of Science, Navigation, &c. J. Read, 59, Argyle-street.
50.83 H—Franc's Golden Gifts. T. Fitz Patrick, Ross-street, Parramatta.
50.146 F—Talmage's Masque torn off. J. Burrows, Unwin's Bridge Road, Marrickville.
52.142 A—Farran's Human Voice. L. H. Bond, 34, Holt-street, Surry Hills.
53.77 H—Paddock's Fate of Madame la Tour. W. M'Lachlan, 9, Denison-street, Woollahra.
56.129 D—Warren's Life on the Nile. C. E. Cutlen, 141, Pitt-street, City.
57.89 G—Hill's Zara. A. Hirst, Sandringham Road.
57.136–8 H—Rowney's Young Zemindar. M. Montgomery, 166, Surry-street, Darlinghurst.
60.123 A—Phillips's Explorers' Companion. D. Stansfield, Bathurst-street, City.
66.83 E—Blackley's Thrift Independence. J. Cook, M'Arthur-street, Granville.
66.164 D—Barneby's Life in the West. R. Shackell, Dobroyde-street, Summer Hill.
72.123 E—MacColl's Home Rule. C. Mould, Cameron-street, Darling Point.
75.171 A—Murray's Marine Engines. J. Boyd, "Bayview," M'Mahon's Point.

List of Books reported missing from the Lending Branch during 1888, returned in 1889.

No. Author and Title of Book. Borrowed by

1.146 A—Weale's Dictionary of Terms. J. R. Louat, Dock Road, Balmain.
5.176 A—Carpenter's Spiritualism. W. C. Burne, 53, Douglas-street, Redfern.
5.192 F—Blackie's Natural History of Atheism. T. Milligan, Belmont House, Wynyard-square.
7.147 H—Habberton's Helen's Babies. R. C. Griffin, Crystal-street, Petersham.
11.9 H—Napier's Military Life. T. J. Gardiner, Tramway Offices, Randwick.
11.189 H—Fielding's Works of Ficton. L. Jarrett, Australia-street, Woollahra.
12.157 A—Downing's Cottage Residences. J. Cleburne, 69, Church-street, Newtown.
13.29 G—Burns's Poetical Works. T. S. Sherratt, 22, Burton-street.
18.135 D—Butler's Travels in Assam. C. Johnson, Mossman's Bay.
22.37 D—Therry's New South Wales. J. Norton, 273, Goulburn-street.
24.40 D—Ede's Home among the Snow. Mrs. A. M. Sharp, 243, Forbes-street, Darlinghurst.
27.16 H—Dickens's Nicholas Nickleby. T. Astley, 348, Crown-street.
27.20 H—Dickens's Tale of Two Cities. R. Munro, "Royal Hyde Park Hotel."
30.35 H—Thackeray's Critical Reviews. W. Hubbard, Elizabeth-street.
30.55 H—Thackeray's Barry Lyndon. G. Murdock, 11, Clarence-street.
30.84, 85 H—Thackeray's Vanity Fair. J. J. Cooper, 391–3, George-street.
33.96 H—Kingsley's Hereward the Wake. E. Sauphy, Burwood Road.
33.148–150 H—Ward's Human Life. Mrs. M. Schmidt, 99, Morehead-street.
36.195 H—Lytton's What will he do with it. S. Stokes, 129, Albion-street, Surry Hills.
39.3 C—Clarke's Shakespeare. E. Gilmour, John-street, Woollahra.
41.115 B—Dixon's Tower of London. T. Beck, Record Office, St. Leonards.
49.150 C—Grote's Plato. S. Lasker, 424, Castlereagh-street.
53.94 C—Jolly's Robert Burns. J. Wilson, "Hill Top."
57.6 H—Blackwood's Tales. R. D. Stephens, 36, Castlereagh-street, Redfern.
57.55–57 C—Scott's Life of Napoleon. P. S. Harris, Moore Park.
58.22 H—Baughan's Chirognomancy. W. F. Hooper, 135, Phillip-street.
66.112 D—Gray's Switzerland. Mrs. M. A. Jackson, 2, Melrose-terrace, Oxford-street, Paddington.
66.68 D—Kingsley's Water Babies. B. Taylor, "Lakemba," Canterbury.
68.132 A—Harris's Honey Bee. E. Meares, 147, Liverpool-st.

List of Books missing from the Lending Branch during previous years.

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No. Author and Title of Book. Borrowed by

2.98 A—Amour's Iron and Heat. E. G. Huie, 204, Bourke-street.
3.168 C—Mackenna's Brave Men, &c. Frank H. Gibson, 741, George-street.
4.149 H—Enquire Within. W. Chudzy, Wentworth Court.
16.39 H—Galt's Provost. F. Canvin, 33, Collins-st., Surry Hills.
16.99 D—Atherton's Adrift. H. Budd, 67, Cumberland-st.
18.190 A—Roberts's Anthropometry. J. W. Terry, 15, Macquarie-place.
22.103 G—Great Book of Poetry. R. P. Hall, 183, William-st.
22.161—Thackeray's Vanity Fair. M. J. Richardson, 36, Wynyard Square.
23.14 D—Burnaby's Ride to Khiva. W. C. Crowley, 64, Womerah Avenue.
23.152 C—Life of Robert Bruce. W. Drewett, 80, Denham-street, Glebe.
24.142 H—Rowcroft's Tales of the Colonies. W. Morris, Dawes Battery.
25.120 D—Ballantyne's Hudson's Bay. G. Moorcroft, Darling-street, Balmain.
25.188 D—Cumming's Five Years in South Africa. C. U. Stuart, Denham-street, Glebe.
27.7 H—Dickens's David Copperfield. R. Wiesendanger, 13, Little Macquarie-street.
27.11 H—Dickens's Hard Times. R. Webber, 76, Glenmore Road, Paddington.
27.13 H—Dickens's Martin Chuzzlewit. L. Jenkinson, 23, Macquarie-street.
27.18 H—Dickens's Pickwick Papers. A. Benson, Simmons-street, Newtown.
27.20 H—Dickens's Tale of Two Cities. J. A. Boyd, Erskine-street.
27.21 H—Dickens's Uncommercial Traveller. J. Stoddart, Paddington-street.
27.125, 126 C—Souvenirs of Madame v. le Brun. G. Delamore, Auburn.
30.51 H—Thackeray's Newcomes. T. R. W. E. Gilpin, Cumberland-street.
31.97 H—Dickens's Battle of Life. J. Collins, 282, Elizabeth-street.
32.195 H—Marryat's Frank Mildmay. H. L. Bacot, Miller-street, St. Leonards.
33.192–4 H—White's King's Page. M. Bourke, 204, Bourke-street.
33.195–7 H—Frazer's Kuzzilbash. J. Duncan, Jones-street, Ultimo.
34.24–6 H—Trollope's La Vendée. M. Newman, Cook's Road, Marrickville.
35.9, 10 H—De Foe's Captain Singleton. W. Ackland, 33, Goodhope-street, Paddington.
35.28, 26 H—Dickens's Mutual Friend. M. C. Sloan, Grosvenor-terrace.
36.113 H—Stowe's Key to Uncle Tom's Cabin. J. E. Browne, Park Road, Paddington.
36.166, 167 H—Scott's Kenilworth. J. Campbell, Shipwrights' Arms, Lower George-street.
36.190, 191 H—Scott's Count Robert of Paris. W. H. Prideaux, Shipwrights' Arms, Lower George-street.
40.4 B—Ferguson's Popular History of Scotland. J. L. Hanchett, 5, Hopewell-street, Paddington.
47.53 A—Odling's Lectures on Animal Chemistry. W. A. Shaw, 201, Macquarie-street.
47.96 D—Juke's New Guinea. R. J. Orrell, 45, Albion-st.
53.4 H—Gilbert's Original Plays. R. W. Belford, Hill-street, Leichhardt.
54.61 C—Smith's Speeches of John Bright. W. Lyons, Church-street, Parramatta.
58.101 B—Griffiths's Chronicles of Newgate. Vol. 2. J. W. Niesigh, 177, Cumberland-street.

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No. Author and Title of Book. Borrowed by

6.64 G—Milton's Paradise Lost. J. Mackintosh, 76, Paddington-street, Paddington.
18.1 H—Poe's Works. H. Valentine, 491, Elizabeth-street South.
18.10 D—Forbes's Fiji. W. Miller, Campbell-street, Milson's Point.
27.1 D—Dickens's American Notes. A. W. Plummer, 3, Napier-street, Paddington.
27.11 H—Dickens's Hard Times. T. Evans, M'Donald-street, Paddington.
27.12 H—Dickens's Little Dorrit. H. H. Norton, Simmons-street, Newtown.
27.14 H—Dickens's Old Curiosity Shop. J. Collins, 74, Cooper-street, Surry Hills.
28.164 D—Whitecross and the Bench. T. W. Downer, 719, Bourke-street.
32.56 H—Reade's Course of True Love. C. Bydder, Pyrmont Bridge Road.
33.162–164 H—Cameron's James of the Hill. E. Vance, Elliott-street, Balmain.
34.33, 34 H—Lover's Legends and Stories of Ireland. J. B. Bartley, Collinon-street, Pyrmont.
34.43 H—Dumas' Isabel of Bavaria. T. D. Bottomley, 11, Bourke-street.
34.103–105 H—Lytton's Lucretia. A. Fitzgerald, 8, Milton-terrace, Dawes Point.
34.195 H—Dickens's Nicholas Nickleby. J. Jewell, 299, Liverpool-street, Woolloomooloo.
34.196, 197 H—Gaskell's North and South. J. C. Clegg, 28, Young-street, Redfern.
36.145 H—Trollope's Warden. H. Hawkins, 28, Regent-street, Paddington.
37.20 H. Brontë's Wuthering Heights. H. Franks, 231, George-street.
49.112 H—Dickens's Speeches: Literary and Social. J. Cunningham, Ocean-street, Woollahra.
50.188 H—Reynolds's Engine-driving Life. W. Heathwood, 517, Cleveland-street, Redfern.
51.161 C—Bayne's Browning and Brontë. H. Rowley, 8, Bowman-street, Chippendale.
51.188 A—Workshop Companion. W. W. Gilberthorpe, Wellington-street, Balmain.
57.9, 10 H—Blackwood, Tales from. H. J. Goodman, Jesson-street, Alexandria.
57.98 G—Brown's Barbarossa. J. Dooley, 86, Brisbane-st.
59.177 H—Ingram's Haunted Homes of Britain. R. Cain, Pitt-street, Redfern.
71.41 C—Burnaby's Life and Times. W. E. Lovett, Wynyard Square.

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No. Author and Title of Book. Borrowed by

3.180 E—Fawcett's Political Economy. A. Bailey, 5 Queen-st., Woollahra.
3.191 H—Hughes's Tom Brown at Oxford. A. M'Affer, Leichhardt.
4.146 H.—Beverley's Romantic Life. J. F. Howes, Garden-st., Waterloo.
7.170 H—Ballantyne's Under the Waves. E. Rose, 31, Clarence-street.
9.163 D—Bird's Sandwich Islands. Miss D. Avenel, G.P.O.
12.84 B—Grant's British Battles. C. Young, Redfern.
13.144 D—Mantell's Many Tales. W. J. Franklin, 366, Riley-street.
14.6 H—Collins's Dead Secret. F. A. Turner, Temora-terrace, Pyrmont-street.
14.112 H—Greenwood's Low Life Depths. H. Bocquet, Ebbey-street, Waverley.
18.38 H—Warburton's Merchant Prince. A. Totterdell, 13, Tudor-street, Surry Hills.
19.9 B—Malleson's French Struggles. J. Jones, 77, Barcom-street.
19.187 H—Alcott's Works. L. Mack, Redfern-street.
22.1 D—Stillman's Golden Fleece. W. Whewell, Croydon.
22.172 H—Thackeray's Christmas Books. C. Croft, 92, Denham-street, Glebe.
24.10 A—Krefft's Australian Snakes. C. Grandemange, 23, Market-street.
24.161 H—Yorke's Cottage Homes. W. R. Webster, Crown-street, Surry Hills.
27.1 D—Dickens's American Notes. J. N. Lamont, 317, Crown-street.
27.10 H—Dickens's Great Expectations. T. Thompson, 7, Spring's Buildings, Waverley.
27.14 H—Dickens's Old Curiosity Shop. P. G. Day, Chippendale.
27.16 H—Dickens's Nicholas Nickleby. D. Pringle, 76, Duke-street.
28.99 H—Stephenson's New Arabian Nights. R. Brennan, Renwick-street, Tempe.
29.172, 173 C—Lennox's My Recollections. J. Robb, 5, Olivette-terrace, Darlington.
30.141, 142 A—Andrés Mining Machinery. M. Jackson, 418, George-street.
31.156 157 H—Radcliffe's Romance of the Forest. T. C. Ashwin, 3, Rennie-street, Paddington.
32.155 H—Carleton's Father Butler. G. Steedman, Palace-street, Petersham.
32.177–179 H—Yates's Forlorn Hope. E. Corray, Devonshire-street, Surry Hills.

No.	Author and Title of Book.	Borrowed by
35.1	H—Carleton's Neal Malone.	W. M'Nevin, 67, Foveaux-street.
38.127	H—Aguilar's Vale of Cedars.	E. E. Ward, Norton-street, Leichhardt.
42.186	D—Sala's Twice Round the Clock.	M. Biddell, Mackenzie-street, Waverley.
43.68	D—Verne's Exploration.	W. Jones, 106, Bathurst-st.
43.137	B—Newman's Sketches.	J. M'Sweeney, Kent-street.
44.112	D—Bell's Travels in America.	W. Shoobert, Marrickville.
47.1	C—Tegg's Napoleon.	J. Andrews, 372, Crown-street.
47.171	H—Van Brouwer's Akbar.	H. J. Aldrick, Cowper-street, Glebe.
48.109	A—Westropp's Pottery.	F. Well, 230, Dowling-st.
49.21	A—Le Pileur's Human Body.	D. Davis, 119, Palmer-street.
51.189	B—Longman's Frederick the Great.	C. Johnson, 80A, Pitt-street.
53.179	H—Houghton's Evenings at Home.	J. Croft, Catherine-street, Leichhardt.
55.169, 170	H—Lytton's The Student.	S. Symonds, West-street, St. Leonards.
58·32	F—Williams's Religion.	C. Crawley, 132, Bourke-street.
67.115	C—Jennings's Lord Tennyson.	W. Gray, Botany Road.
88.28	G—Greaves's Irish Songs.	J. Moore, 10, Thomas-street, Redfern.
68.66	H—Kingsley's Hypatia.	D. Johnston, Cooper-street.
69.1	H—Tuer's Quads.	W. Squire, North Shore.
69.85	H—Verne's Kerraban.	G. Huggard, 62, Palmer-street.
72.133	A—Bach's Singing.	R. M. Thomas, Palace Hotel, George-street.

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No.	Author and Title of Book.	Borrowed by
1.33	H—Stowe's Pink and White Tyranny.	C. Leslie, Arthur-street, Moore Park.
2.70	H—Haddon's Book-keeping.	F. 8. Napthali, Point Piper Road, Woollahra.
3.178	H—Hammerton's Intellectual Life.	Miss A. Argles, 31½, Walker-street, Redfern.
4.112	H—Wilson's Tales of the Borders.	T. Crampton, Halleybury Cottage, Double Bay.
6.97	H—Andersen's Danish Fairy Tales.	D. Loise, Charlotte-lane, Sydney.
7.121	B—Cox's Campaigns of the Civil War.	J. Leonard, 24, Francis-street, Hyde Park.
9.62	H—Knight's Half-hours with Best Authors.	J. Hartley, 45, Bayswater Road.
10.148	H—Hughes's Tom Brown's Schooldays.	J. Edgar, Union-street, Pyrmont.
10.162, 163	H—Kohl's Travels in Canada.	S. Norman, 60, Dowling-street, Paddington.
11.175	A—Jones's Evolution of the Human Race.	A. Thomas, 604, Harris-street, Ultimo.
12.51	D—Wilkinson's Sunny Lands.	T. Mitchell, Hunter's Hill.
13.147	B—Story of Waterloo.	O. Kelly, Rose-street, Darlington.
17.103	D—Jerrold's at Home in Paris.	A. H. Couldery, "Aubyn," Stanmore.
22.38	A—Youatt's The Horse.	A. J. Kent, 53, Lewis-street, Redfern.
25.171	B—Journal of the Plague Year.	J. C. Sayers, Victoria Cottage, Edward-street, North Shore.
26.4	A—Gore's Scientific Discovery.	H. J. Gibson, St. Aubyn terrace, Ridge-street, North Shore.
26.43	H—Beeton's Household Amusements.	K. D. Moore, 31, Wigram-street, Forest Lodge.
26.58	C—Celebrated Men.	W. H. Jeffreys, 2, Brent-street, Balmain.
26.189, 190	C—Alger's Life of E. Forest.	H. Cooke, 129, Liverpool-street, Sydney.
27.76	H—Benjamin's Wrinkles and Recipes.	G. Mathieson, 36, Wells-street, Redfern.
27.77	C—Barnum, Life of.	S. Hornby, Survey Office.
27.80	D—Barnard's Three Years' Cruise.	R. O'Neill, 21, Little West-street, Darlinghurst.
29.122	A—Arnold's Dairying.	J. Sherrington, 2, Denison-street, Woollahra.
30.86, 87	H—Thackeray's Pendennis.	Miss E. Williams, Trafalgar-terrace, Petersham.
32.133–135	H—Martineau's Romance.	J. Waus, 23, Botany-street.
32.166–168	H—Ollier's Ferrers.	H. Stewart, 594, Kent-st.
33.169–171	H—Tabor's Janita's Cross.	W. Harvey, Andreas-street, Petersham.
40.168–170	G—Swift's Works.	J. Sheideaux, 441, Bourke-street.
41.140	A—Gore's Electro-deposition.	R. Gibson, St. Aubyn's Terrace, North Shore.
41.157	F—Parker's Collected Works.	G. Shaw, 65, Pitt-st.
45.152	A—Miller's Lockwood's Price-book.	E. Phillips, 50, Macquarie-street South.
45.157	A—Anderson's Persia.	A. Roy, 208, Pitt-street.
47.2	B—Keightley's Mythology.	T. Mozzal, 7, Erskineville Road.
48.96	G—Kendall's Leaves from Australian Forests.	C. Hungerford, 146, Phillip-street.
52.180	H—Thackeray's Four Georges.	R. M'Grath, 114, Dowling-street.
57.87	G—Bell's British Theatre.	J. G. Neale, Cannon Grove, Hurstville.
58.117	D—Knox's Boy Traveller.	R. O'Neill, 35, Barcom-street, Darlinghurst.
71.124	C—Davitt's Prison Diary.	J. Molloy, 32, Princes-st.
73.102	H—Harris's Coaching Age.	R. Logan, Pitt-street, Redfern.
73.184	C—Pycroft's Oxford Memories.	J. A. Howison, 441, Darling-street, Ultimo.

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(SECOND SESSION.)

NEW SOUTH WALES.

SYDNEY FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

(REPORT FROM TRUSTEES FOR 1890.)

Presented to Parliament by Command.

The Trustees of the Free Public Library to The Minister of Public Instruction.

Sir, Sydney, 11th March, 1891.

I have the honor to transmit to you the Twentieth Annual Report of the Trustees of the Free Public Library, for the year 1890.

2. On 1st May the new Library in Macquarie-street, which was completed at the end of the previous year, was opened to the public, and the overcrowding, which had previously caused much inconvenience to readers, has been thereby, for the present, entirely put an end to.

3. It is with deep regret that the Trustees have to place upon record the death of Professor William John Stephens, M.A., F.G.S., who was Chairman of the Board from 27th March, 1885, until the date of his death, which took place on 22nd November.

4. In recognition of the valuable services which, for twenty-one years, the late Professor Stephens had rendered to the Library, the Trustees, at a meeting held on 10th December, passed a resolution,—"That this Board desires to record its sense of the great loss which has been sustained by the Free Public Library, Sydney, and the Colony at large, in the decease of its Chairman, Professor William John Stephens, M.A., F.G.S., &c. (one of the first-appointed Trustees of the Library), and to express the same to the surviving members of his family."

5. At the same meeting the Hon. James Norton, LL.D., M.L.C., &c., was unanimously elected President of the Board, as successor to the late Professor Stephens.

6. During the year, 3,190 volumes have been added to the Reference Library, 1,189 to the Lending Branch, and 294 to Country Library boxes, making a total number of 4,653. The books worn out, lost, or withdrawn and deducted from the stock numbered twenty-six for the Reference Library and thirty-eight for the Lending Branch, leaving 86,284 as the total number of volumes in the Library, as detailed in Appendix A.

7. Appendix H contains a list of 756 volumes acquired by donations and 125 volumes supplied under the Copyright Act. The Trustees desire specially to record the handsome gifts from Mr. Drummond Gilchrist, Woollahra, of R. Holinshed's Chronicles of England, Scotland, and Ireland (black letter edition), imp. 8vo., Lond., 1577; with a copy of Plutarch's Lives, translated out of Greek into French by J. Amiot, and out of French into English by Sir T. North, Knt. Fol. Cambridge, 1676. From Mr. Alexander Oliver (Trustee), a special collection of 284 volumes of works relating to the Drink Question, for which a special compartment has been reserved

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reserved in the Library. From Mr. James Barnet, late Colonial Architect, a copper-plate inscription and a glass bottle containing documents, coins, &c., discovered on 28th September, 1887, in the foundation-stone of the old Library building, and placed there in the year 1843. Also, from Mr. Richard Tangye, of Birmingham, a rare and curious illustrated poem in MS., relating to Australasia, by "Stormy Jack." 12mo. (n.p.), 1815-44.

8. In consequence of the increased accommodation and conveniences provided for readers, the number of visits to the Library increased to 155,822, being 23,839 in excess of the number recorded for the year 1889.

9. The Reference Library has been kept open during the year 358 days, including Sundays, and the Lending Branch 341 days, also including Sundays.

10. One hundred and thirty-seven boxes, containing 10,070 volumes, have been lent to Country Libraries, and have travelled a distance of 47,737 miles, while the demand for boxes is still in excess of supply. A detailed statement of the Institutions to which the books have been lent will be found in Appendix E. The excess over last year's issue being forty-two boxes issued, 3,951 books lent, and 10,832 miles travelled.

11. In the Appendices A to I will be found statistics giving full information as to the working of the Library for the past year, and shows highly satisfactory results as to the benefits conferred upon the students and readers who frequent the Library.

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JAMES NORTON,
President.

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APPENDIX A.

NUMBER OF VOLUMES in the FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY on the 31st December, 1890.

Synopsis of Classification.	Reference Department.	Lending Branch.	For Country Libraries.	Total.
Natural Philosophy, Science, and the Arts	6,980	3,243	808	11,031
History, Chronology, Antiquities, and Mythology	5,630	2,826	946	9,402
Biography and Correspondence	4,041	3,383	1,118	8,542
Geography, Topography, Voyages and Travels, &c.	5,775	3,110	768	9,653
Periodical and Serial Literature	16,537	.....	.....	16,537
Jurisprudence	3,227	748	75	4,050
Theology, Moral and Mental Philosophy, and Education	3,547	1,223	110	4,880
Poetry and Drama	2,072	718	105	2,895
Miscellaneous Literature and Collected Works	4,653	4,886*	335	9,874
Works of Reference and Philology	4,135	.....	.....	4,135
Duplicates and unbound Volumes	1,604	.....	.....	1,604
Pamphlets	3,083	.....	.....	3,083
Books for the Blind	.....	598	.....	598
Total Number of Volumes	61,284	20,735	4,265	86,284

Books worn out and lost during the year, deducted from the stock. Reference Library, 26 ; Lending Branch, 38.

* Including 2,245 vols. of Prose Fiction.

APPENDIX B.

NUMBER and average of visits of Readers to the Library, the number of days the Library was open to the public, and the average number of volumes used on Sundays and on Week-days, from 1st January to 31st December, 1890.

Number of visits for the year—

To the Reference Library	102,279
To the Lending Branch	53,543
Total	155,822

Total visits to the Reference Library on Week-days	97,801	On Sundays ...	4,478
Total visits to the Lending Branch on Week-days	51,338	On Sundays ...	2,205
Daily average of visits to the Reference Library on Week-days	320	On Sundays ...	86
Daily average of visits to the Lending Branch on Week-days...	176	On Sundays ...	45

Total number of days that the REFERENCE LIBRARY was open (including Sundays) 358

Total number of days that the LENDING BRANCH was open (including Sundays)... 341

Average number of VOLUMES used on SUNDAYS—

Reference Library (from 2 to 6 o'clock p.m.)	105
Lending Branch (from 2 to 6 o'clock p.m.)...	54
Total	159

Average number of VOLUMES used on WEEK-DAYS—

Reference Library (from 10 o'clock a.m. to 10 o'clock p.m.)	710
Lending Branch (from 10 o'clock a.m. to 9 o'clock p.m.)	211
Total	921

Summary

Summary of Visits to the Library, 1869–1890.

1869 (three months—1 Oct. to 31 Dec.)	17,006	1880	134,462
1870	59,786	1881	136,272
1871	60,165	1882 (eleven months)	133,731
1872	48,817	1883	155,431
1873	76,659	1884 (eleven months)	161,877
1874 (eleven months)	57,962	1885	165,715
1875	66,900	1886	168,685
1876	72,724	1887 (closed three months for moving)	139,203
1877 (Lending Branch first opened) ...	124,688	1888	149,425
1878	117,047	1889	132,983
1879 (Exhibition open)	152,036	1890	155,822

APPENDIX C.

Classes of Books borrowed from the Lending Branch of the Free Public Library, Sydney, from 1st January to 31st December, 1890.

No. of days open.	No. of Tickets issued to Borrowers.	No. of Borrowers' visits.	Synopsis of Classification of Reading.	No. of Volumes issued.	Daily average of Vols. issued, including Sundays.
341	4,651	53,543	Natural Philosophy, Science, and the Arts	6,865	20·132
			History, Chronology, Antiquities, and Mythology	6,464	18·956
			Biography and Correspondence	7,029	20·613
			Geography, Topography, Voyages and Travels	9,886	28·991
			Jurisprudence	1,257	3·686
			Mental and Moral Philosophy, &c.	2,251	6·601
			Poetry and Drama	1,969	5·775
			Miscellaneous Literature	10,753	31·533
			Prose Works of Fiction	17,983	52·736
			Total	64,457	189·023

APPENDIX D.

Classes of Books read, the Number of Volumes used, and the Number of Visits to the Libraries, on Sundays, during the year 1890.

No. of Sundays open.	No. of Visits.	Daily average of Visits.		No. of Volumes used.	Daily average of Vols. used on Sundays.
			Reference Library.		
52	4,478	86	Natural Philosophy, Science, and the Arts	825	15·865
			History, Chronology, Antiquities, and Mythology	441	8·480
			Biography and Correspondence	572	11·000
			Geography, Topography, Voyages and Travels, &c.	730	14·038
			Periodical and Serial Literature	1,178	22·654
			Jurisprudence	206	3·966
			Theology, Moral and Mental Philosophy, and Education	93	1·787
			Poetry and Drama	267	5·134
			Miscellaneous Literature and Collected Works	753	14·480
			Works of Reference and Philology	419	8·057
			Total	5,484	105·461
			Lending Branch.		
49	2,205	45	Natural Philosophy, Science, and the Arts	284	5·796
			History, Chronology, Antiquities, and Mythology	308	6·286
			Biography and Correspondence	288	5·877
			Geography, Topography, Voyages and Travels	406	8·286
			Jurisprudence	54	1·102
			Mental and Moral Philosophy, &c.	114	2·326
			Poetry and Drama	95	1·939
			Miscellaneous Literature	400	8·163
			Prose Works of Fiction	715	14·592
			Total	2,664	54·367

APPENDIX E.

NUMBER of Boxes of Books borrowed from the Free Public Library, Sydney, by Country Libraries, with miles travelled, during the year 1890.

Town.	Institution.	No. of Boxes borrowed.	No. of Vols. issued.	Miles travelled.	Town.	Institution.	No. of Boxes borrowed.	No. of Vols. issued.	Miles travelled
Adamstown ...	Mechanics' Institute ...	2	97	202	Mudgee	Mechanics' Institute ...	1	62	190
Auburn	School of Arts	1	88	24	Murrumburrah	Mechanics' Institute ...	1	80	460
Bathurst	School of Arts	1	97	288	Murrurundi ...	School of Arts	1	60	434
Berrima.....	School of Arts	2	169	368	Moss Vale	School of Arts	1	63	172
Berry	School of Arts	1	62	174	Narrabri	Mechanics' Institute ...	1	79	321
Boat Harbour..	School of Arts	2	166	1,134	Newcastle	School of Arts	1	92	75
Bombala	School of Arts	3	213	1,590	Nowra	School of Arts	3	153	351
Bourke	Mechanics' Institute ...	1	89	503	N. Willoughby.	School of Arts	1	88	5
Bowral	School of Arts	2	149	240	O'Connell	Literary Institute	1	90	378
Branxton	Mechanics' Institute ...	1	60	268	Orange	School of Arts	3	272	960
Bulli	School of Arts	1	92	84	Pilliga	School of Arts	1	90	768
Bungendore ...	School of Arts.....	1	60	354	Plattsburg	Mechanics' Institute ...	3	232	425
Canowindra ...	School of Arts	1	69	446	Pt. Macquarie..	School of Arts	1	68	550
Cobar	School of Arts	3	118	1,482	Quirindi.....	School of Arts	1	80	243
Cooma	School of Arts	2	122	771	Randwick	School of Arts	3	272	20
Coraki	School of Arts	1	66	698	Robertson	School of Arts	2	160	330
Cudgellico	Literary Institute	2	124	1,101	Richmond	School of Arts	2	129	114
Cundletown ...	School of Arts	1	97	460	St. Mary's.....	Mechanics' Institute ...	1	92	29
Deepwater.....	School of Arts	1	88	882	Sherbrooke ...	School of Arts	2	122	265
Dungog	School of Arts	1	92	358	Tamworth	Mechanics' Institute ...	3	270	1,410
Eugowra	School of Arts	1	97	240	Taree	School of Arts	1	60	224
Fairfield.....	Mechanics' Institute ...	1	78	518	Temora	School of Arts	1	58	342
Gilgandra	School of Arts	1	60	652	Tenterfield.....	School of Arts	3	236	2,400
Glen Innes	School of Arts	2	150	1,278	Tingha	School of Arts	1	80	836
Gosford	School of Arts	2	121	200	Ulmarra.....	School of Arts	3	224	1,710
Grafton	School of Arts	3	235	1,750	Uralla.....	Literary Institute	1	61	640
Granville	School of Arts	3	139	35	Walcha	School of Arts	2	177	927
Gulgong.....	Free Library.....	3	252	1,035	Wee Waa	School of Arts	2	130	1,128
Gundagai	Literary Institute	2	142	1,445	Wellington ...	Public Library.....	2	166	992
Gunnedah	School of Arts	2	131	795	Wickham	School of Arts	2	169	312
Hamilton	School of Arts	2	133	300	Wilcannia	Athenæum	2	161	2,178
Helensburgh ...	School of Arts	2	170	81	Windsor.....	School of Arts	2	128	136
Hornsby.....	School of Arts	1	80	42	Wingham	School of Arts	1	61	464
Inverell	School of Arts	3	255	2,340	Wolumla	School of Arts	2	121	755
Islington	Mechanics' Institute ...	2	183	300	Woodburn	School of Arts	2	140	1,011
Kenthurst	School of Arts	4	230	203	Woonona	School of Arts	3	226	300
Manilla	School of Arts	3	200	1,545	Wyndham	School of Arts	2	152	1,032
Milton	Free Library	1	63	159					
Mittagong	School of Arts	3	240	385					
Morpeth	School of Arts	1	89	120		Total.....	137	10,070	47,737

APPENDIX F.

Trustees.

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10. His Honor Mr. Justice Windeyer, M.A., LL.D.

NUMBER of Board Meetings held during the year 1890—*twelve;* with the number of attendances of the Trustees thereat, as under:—

1	10	6	2
2	8	7	0
3	0	8	5
4	7	9	11
5	9	10	8

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Principal Librarian and Secretary:—Robert Cooper Walker.
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Assistant:—Hugh Wright.
Entry Clerk:—William H. Gifford.

LENDING BRANCH.

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Entry Clerk:—Edward Hawley. *Registrar for Country Libraries:*—David Weir.
Assistant:—Michael O'Loughlin.

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APPENDIX G.

Amended Regulations.

Conditions upon which books in boxes, each containing lots of about 60 volumes, will be lent by the Trustees of the Free Public Library, Sydney, to Libraries in Country Districts of New South Wales:—

1. Books will be lent only to Trustees or Committees of Free Libraries, Schools of Arts, Mechanics' Institutes, or Libraries of Municipalities, that may be beyond the boundaries of the City of Sydney.

2. All books authorized to be lent under these conditions shall be bound in good strong binding, placed in boxes constructed of nearly uniform size, and numbered from one upwards. Each box shall contain about 60 volumes, according to its catalogue, in which no alteration can be made.

3. Printed catalogue slips of the contents of each box, stating the value of each book, together with forms of application for loans, will be forwarded, free of charge, on application being made to the Principal Librarian.

4. Trustees or Committees of Country Libraries, &c., wishing to obtain books on loan, must make application in writing, stating which particular box of books they desire to borrow; and their application must be accompanied by an undertaking in the form approved by the Trustees of the Free Public Library, Sydney, to indemnify them against loss.

5. Borrowers, in their applications, must give a full description of the Library, room, or building in or from which it is proposed to deposit or lend the books, and must specify the time for which they desire to retain the use of the books. They must also submit, for the approval of the Trustees, the conditions or regulations under which it is proposed to lend any books so obtained from the Trustees, who reserve to themselves the right of refusing any application without assigning any reason therefor.

6. No charge will be made for the loan of any box of books to cover the cost of freight, packing, and collating; but no receipt will be given for any books returned until they have been collated, and an adjustment made for any loss or damage that may be discovered.

Application to Borrow Books.

Sir, 188 .

We are desirous of borrowing the books enumerated in your catalogue slip No. on behalf of the of which the names of the* are

It is proposed to retain the books for months from the date of their despatch from Sydney, and to keep them (while not lent under the conditions mentioned below) in the building of which *a full* description is attached, in order that you may effect an insurance on the said books to cover risk against fire so long as they remain in the said building.

Enclosed herewith is a copy of the regulations under which we propose to lend the books, and we agree to sign an undertaking in the form required by the Trustees of the Free Public Library, Sydney.

We have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servants.

The Principal Librarian, Free Public Library, Sydney.

* Trustees or Committee.

Undertaking to be signed by Borrowers of Books from the Free Public Library, Sydney, for use of Libraries, &c., in Country Districts.

In consideration of the books enumerated in the Catalogue hereunto annexed, together with the box containing the same, having this day been delivered to us by Robert Cooper Walker, the Principal Librarian of the said Free Public Library, Sydney, for the use of the situate at we, the undersigned, undertake and agree with the said Robert Cooper Walker, and also with the Trustees of the said Free Public Library, Sydney, and each and any two or more of them, as follows:—

1. The books will be kept in a suitable apartment of the said to be approved of by the Trustees of the said Free Public Library, Sydney, and the public will be permitted to use the same during such hours only as shall be determined by the Trustees (or Committee, as the case may be), but may be lent by such of the said Trustees (or Committee, as the case may be) under the same Regulations as shall apply to books belonging to the said institution.

2. The said books and box shall be returned to the said Robert Cooper Walker, or other Principal Librarian for the time being of the said Free Public Library, Sydney, at the expiration of months from the date of despatch from Sydney, in good condition, allowance being made for reasonable wear.

3. We undertake to pay to the said Robert Cooper Walker, or other Principal Librarian for the time being of the Free Public Library:—

(1.) The value of every book not returned.

(2.) The estimated value of the injury done to any volume, work, set, or series, or box, of which value the Trustees for the time being of the Free Public Library, or any two of them, shall be the sole judges.

(3.) The value of the whole work, set, or series, in case any volume or part thereof shall not be returned within the time above mentioned.

4. In case default shall be made in the observance or performance of any of the conditions aforesaid, we will pay to the said Robert Cooper Walker, or other Principal Librarian of the said Free Public Library, Sydney, for the time being, the sum of £50 (fifty pounds) as liquidated damages.

Dated at this day of 18 .

Witness to the signature of the said—

Witness to the signature of the said—

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APPENDIX I.

List of Books missing from the Lending Branch during 1890.

No. Author and Title of Book. Borrowed by

1.60 D—Clemens's New Pilgrim's Progress. H. Baker, Little West-street, Darlinghurst.
1.88 D—Trollope's New South Wales and Queensland. P. W. Riley, Alfred-street, St. Leonards.
1.132 C—Carlyle's Sartor Resartus. D. Bell, Cumberland-street.
3.111 H—Benson's Remarkable Trials. A. Fencher, Marrickville.
4.90 D—Irving's Astoria. F. Smith, Kent-street.
5.22 C—Strickland's Life of Mary Queen of Scots. J. Hale, Palmer-street.
5.108 D—Wright's Marco Polo. W. Grant, Lord's Road, Botany.
5.133 B—Cobbett's Porcupine's Works. F. Stevens, Castlereagh-street, Redfern.
6.33 H—Grimm's Fairy Tales. Mrs. H. E. Broughton, Victoria-street, Darlinghurst.
8.70 H—Chambers's Miscellany. A. Higham, Cowper-street, Waverley.
9.13 E—Carey's Past, Present, and Future. J. O. M'Namara, Drummoyne.
10.113 C—Miller's My Schools and Schoolmasters. W. Harris, Crown Road, Ultimo.
13.152 H—Poe's Tales of Mystery. S. L. Wallace, George-street.
14.90 G—Shakespeare's Dramatic Works. P. L. Wedd, Copeland-street, Alexandria.
15.60 H—Half-hours with French Authors. G. R. L. Cork, Albert-street, Petersham.
16.95 H—Lytton's Strange Story. C. Leslie, Edith-street, Leichhardt.
16.126 H—Thackeray's Kickleburys on the Rhine. G. R. Lee, Neutral Bay.
17.1 D—Story's Roba di Roma. J. Green, Australian Club.
17.42 H—Haliburton's Sam Slick's Wise Saws. J. E. Allely, Manly Beach.
17.51 A—Darwin's Origin of Species. J. H. Bath, Suttor-street, Alexandria.
20.8 E—Brassey's Work and Wages. T. Bertram, Alice-street, Newtown.
20.135 H—Story's Castle of St. Angelo. A. Finch, Elizabeth-street.
20.178 F—Johnson's Willing Hearts. W. Dickenson, Cook's River Road, Tempe.
21.162 A—Davidson's Pretty Arts. S. J. W. Culman, Marlborough-street, Surry Hills.
23.143 B—Lee's Sketches of the Reformation. G. R. F. Nobbs, Phillip-street.
24.104 H—Hopewell's Legends of the Missouri. A. Aloo, Redfern.
26.98 D—Pictures of Travel. G. Pitts, Jamieson-street.
27.7 H—Dickens's David Copperfield. Miss Ghiggins, Brougham-street.
27.11 H—Dickens's Hard Times. A. Robin, Pitt-street.
27.20 H—Dickens's Tale of Two Cities. Mrs. J. Dickson, Hunter's Hill.
27.56 H—Scott's Fortunes of Nigel. T. O. Kelsey, George-street.
27.68 A—Ingliss' Book-keeping. Mrs. E. A. Ross, Illawarra Road, Marrickville.
27.188 D—Baker's Perso-Turkoman Frontier. J. Auld, Davies-street, Surry Hills.
28.104 A—Parson's Vital Magnetism. G. Shepherd, Kent-street.
30.25 H—Thackeray's Henry Esmond. J. P. Bradley, Lyndhurst-street, Glebe.
30.85 H—Thackeray's Vanity Fair. J. Currie, Goodsir-street, Balmain.
30.86,87 H—Thackeray's Pendennis. J. C. Gill, Fairfield.
32.94 H—Lytton's Falkland and Zicci. J. Haywood, Forest Lodge.
33.76–78 H—Bird's Hawks of Hawk Hollow. J. Wilkinson, Murray-street, Pyrmont.
33.126,127 H—Melville's Holomby House. B. Pike, Broughton-street, Paddington.
34.19,20 H—Lytton's My Novel. G. W. Francis, Edinburgh Road, Marrickville.
34.35 H—Lytton's Leila, &c. J. J. Green, Jones-street, Ultimo.
34.104 H—Lytton's Pausanias. J. M. Kelly, Palmer-street.
36.57 H—Stowe's Tales of New England Life. C. H. P. Lane, Ebley-street, Waverley.
36.132,133 H—Thackeray's Virginians. J. F. Kosten, Campbell-street, Paddington.
36.183,184 H—Scott's Woodstock. P. Harris, Begg-street, Paddington.
37.21 H—Kingsley's Yeast. C. Newland, Albion-street, Annandale.
37.25 H—Lytton's Zanoni. H. P. Burt, Rowntree-street, Balmain.
37.25 H—Lytton's Zanoni. Mrs. S. L. M'Ternan, Darlinghurst.
37.194 H—Macdonald's Orts. G. Sherring, Woodville Road, Guildford.
38.31 B—Mann's Zulus and Boers. F. Brakkel, Manly.
40.79 B—Beloe's Belt and Spur. N. Rosenfeldt, Foveaux-street, Surry Hills.
40.96 A—Buckton's Town and Window Gardening. A. Buchanan, Harris-street, Pyrmont.
42.193 D—Gillmore's Travel, War, and Shipwreck. G. Poole, Rose-street.
43.180 B—Mommsen's History of Rome. R. M. Kidston, Newtown.
45.45 G—Tennyson's Poetical Works. J. Morgan, Crown Road, Ultimo.
45.131 H—Beaconsfield's Vivian Grey. J. Currie Brickhill, Balmain.
46.31 C—Collins's Helena Modjeska. W. C. Danne, Spring-street, Arncliffe.
48.157 H—Disraeli's Amenities. T. A. Fitzroy, Woolloomooloo-street.
49.28 A—Armitage's Lectures on Painting. A. W. March, Albion-street, Paddington.
49.115 H—Dickens's Mudfog Papers. W. Wardell, Clayton-street, Balmain.
51.140 C—Chapman's Notable Women. Miss G. Casey, King-street.
52.180 H—Thackeray's Four Georges. W. H. Peters, Rosebank-street, Darlinghurst.
53.55 H—Arrom's Bird of Truth. M. F. Albert, Enmore Road.
55.179 H—Simcox's Episodes in the Lives of Men. C. Brack, Woolloomooloo-street.
56.9 H—Nicholson's Adventures of Halek. F. W. Bastian, Wentworth Park Road.
57.78 G—Jones's Earl of Essex. P. O'Doherty, Mary-street, Newtown.
58.165,166 D—Grey's Journal in New South Wales, &c. H. Best, Day-street, Drummoyne.
60.65 G—Swinburne's Lochrine. D. Ward, Norton-street, Leichhardt.
60.107 D—Huntly's Travels in East Europe. T. Ockerby, 257, Sussex-street.
60.185 C—Daudet's Literary Life in Paris. J. S. Green, Manly.
63.196 C—Durand's Napoleon and Marie Louise. H. M. Webb, Spring-street, Waverley.
65.13 B—Bryce's Canadian People. W. M. Foote, Bligh-st.
68.86 C—Adams's Celebrated Englishmen. E. Vaughan, Botany-street, Redfern.
70.104 A—Sachs' Sleight of Hand. E. Clark, Newtown.
72.69 D—Bayly's Sea Life. C. Wilkins, Gipps-street.
73.85 H—Dickens's Little Dorrit. C. S. Gaud, George-street.
73.199,200 D—Wells's Exploring Brazil. W. Densham, Darlinghurst.
74.162 C—Irving's English Actors. Miss Robinson, Elizabeth Bay.
77.19 D—O'Rell's Jonathan and his Continent. H. Berthon, Macquarie-street.

List of Books reported missing from the Lending Branch during 1889, returned in 1890.

No. Author and Title of Book. Borrowed by

3.81 B—Lamartine's French Revolution. E. G. Froam, 4, Victoria Chambers, Elizabeth-street.
5.1 H—Warner's Wide Wide World. H. A. Sheen, 149, Elizabeth-street, Redfern.
5.191 H—Bunce's Cloudland. Mrs. F. M. Ellis, Smith-street, Balmain.
10.167 F—Studies of Man. A. Willmott, Mill Hill-street, Waverley.
14.66–68 H—Froude's Short Studies. M. Small, Ryde.
14.69 D—Young's Nyassa. L. Jaap, 55, Womerah Avenue, Darlinghurst.
15.36,37 C—Barker's French Society. W. J. Hamill, 373, Crown-street.
16.128 H—Thackeray's Paris Sketch-book. Mrs. Bolingbroke, 99, Palmer-street.
17.88 C—Helps' Life of Columbus. F. W. Blackshaw, 79, Stanley-street.
21.7 D—Speke's Discovery of the Source of the Nile. C. Browne, Rochester Cottage, Stanmore.
22.80 H—Warren's Now and Then. J. W. V. Stevenson, Ranger's Road, Neutral Bay.

No.

No.	Author and Title of Book.	Borrowed by
22.169 H	Thackeray's Book of Snobs.	F. Walden, John-street, Woollahra.
27.2 H	Dickens' Barnaby Rudge.	Miss M. O'Connor, Junction-street, Forest Lodge.
30.35 H	Thackeray's Irish Sketch Book.	J. C. Gill, 71, Lower Fort-street.
30.51 H	Thackeray's Newcomes.	B. Mackinnon, Gowree, Waverley.
31.15 H	Lockhart's Adam Blair.	Miss S. Campbell, 219, Victoria-street, Darlinghurst.
32.189 H	Trollope's Framley Parsonage.	F. White, Malcolm-street, McDonaldtown.
34.51 H	Hugo's Slave King.	W. Duncan, 181, Devonshire-street, Surry Hills.
35.100 H	Romances of Chivalric Ages.	G. Brown, University-street, Camperdown.
37.61,62 H	Fielding's Amelia.	L. R. Jarrett, Australia-street, Woollahra.
39.118,119 C	Hingston's Genial Showmaa.	E. A. Gillett, 71, Bathurst-street.
48.138 A	Circle of Science. Navigation, &c.	J. Read, 59, Argyle-street.
66.83 E	Blackley's Thrift Independence.	J. Cook, McArthur-street, Granville.
66.164 D	Barneby's Life in the West.	R. Shackell, Dobroyde-street, Summer Hill.
72.123 E	MacColl's Home Rule.	C. Mould, Cameron-street, Darling Point.

List of Books missing from the Lending Branch during previous years.

1885.

No.	Author and Title of Book.	Borrowed by
2.98 A	Amour's Iron and Heat.	E. G. Huie, 204, Bourke-street.
3.168 C	Mackenna's Brave Men, &c.	Frank H. Gibson, 741, George-street.
4.149 H	Enquire Within.	W. Chudzy, Wentworth Court.
16.39 H	Galt's Provost.	F. Canvin, 33, Collins-st., Surry Hills.
16.99 D	Atherton's Adrift.	H. Budd, 67, Cumberland-st.
18.190 A	Roberts's Anthropometry.	J. W. Terry, 15, Macquarie-place.
22.103 G	Great Book of Poetry.	R. P. Hall, 183, William-st.
22.161	Thackeray's Vanity Fair.	M. J. Richardson, 36, Wynyard Square.
23.14 D	Burnaby's Ride to Khiva.	W. C. Crowley, 64, Womerah Avenue.
23.152 C	Life of Robert Bruce.	W. Drewett, 80, Denham-street, Glebe.
24.142 H	Rowcroft's Tales of the Colonies.	W. Morris, Dawes Battery.
25.120 D	Ballantyne's Hudson's Bay.	G. Moorcroft, Darling-street, Balmain.
25.188 D	Cumming's Five Years in South Africa.	C. U. Stuart, Denham-street, Glebe.
27.7 H	Dickens's David Copperfield.	R. Wiesendanger, 13, Little Macquarie-street.
27.11 H	Dickens's Hard Times.	R. Webber, 76, Glenmore Road, Paddington.
27.13 H	Dickens's Martin Chuzzlewit.	L. Jenkinson, 23, Macquarie-street.
27.18 H	Dickens's Pickwick Papers.	A. Benson, Simmons-street, Newtown.
27.20 H	Dickens's Tale of Two Cities.	J. A. Boyd, Erskine-street.
27.21 H	Dickens's Uncommercial Traveller.	J. Stoddart, Paddington-street.
27.125, 126 C	Souvenirs of Madame v. le Brun.	G. Delamore, Auburn.
30.51 H	Thackeray's Newcomes.	T. R. W. E. Gilpin, Cumberland-street.
31.97 H	Dickens's Battle of Life.	J. Collins, 282, Elizabeth-street.
32.195 H	Marryat's Frank Mildmay.	H. L. Bacot, Miller-street, St. Leonards.
33.192–4 H	White's King's Page.	M. Bourke, 204, Bourke-street.
33.195–7 H	Frazer's Kuzzilbash.	J. Duncan, Jones-street, Ultimo.
34.24–6 H	Trollope's La Vendée.	M. Newman, Cook's Road, Marrickville.
35.9, 10 H	De Foe's Captain Singleton.	W. Ackland, 33, Goodhope-street, Paddington.
35.28, 26 H	Dickens's Mutual Friend.	M. C. Sloan, Grosvenor-terrace.
36.113 H	Stowe's Key to Uncle Tom's Cabin.	J. E. Browne, Park Road, Paddington.
36.166, 167 H	Scott's Kenilworth.	J. Campbell, Shipwrights' Arms, Lower George-street.
36.190, 191 H	Scott's Count Robert of Paris.	W. H. Prideaux, Shipwrights' Arms, Lower George-street.
40.4 B	Ferguson's Popular History of Scotland.	J. L. Hanchett, 5, Hopewell-street, Paddington.
47.53 A	Odling's Lectures on Animal Chemistry.	W. A. Shaw, 201, Macquarie-street.
47.96 D	Juke's New Guinea.	R. J. Orrell, 45, Albion-st.
53.4 H	Gilbert's Original Plays.	R. W. Belford, Hill-street, Leichhardt.
54.61 C	Smith's Speeches of John Bright.	W. Lyons, Church-street, Parramatta.
58 101 B	Griffiths's Chronicles of Newgate. Vol. 2.	J. W. Niesigh, 177, Cumberland-street.

1886.

No.	Author and Title of Book.	Borrowed by
6.64 G	Milton's Paradise Lost.	J. Mackintosh, 76, Paddington-street, Paddington.
18.1 H	Poe's Works.	H. Valentine, 491, Elizabeth-street South.
18.10 D	Forbes's Fiji.	W. Miller, Campbell-street, Milson's Point.
27.1 D	Dickens's American Notes.	A. W. Plummer, 3, Napier-street, Paddington.
27.11 H	Dickens's Hard Times.	T. Evans, M'Donald-street, Paddington.
27.12 H	Dickens's Little Dorrit.	H. H. Norton, Simmons-street, Newtown.
27.14 H	Dickens's Old Curiosity Shop.	J. Collins, 74, Cooper-street, Surry Hills.
28.164 D	Whitecross and the Bench.	T. W. Downer, 719, Bourke-street.
32.56 H	Reade's Course of True Love.	C. Bydder, Pyrmont Bridge Road.
33.162–164 H	Cameron's James of the Hill.	E. Vance, Elliott-street, Balmain.
34.33, 34 H	Lover's Legends and Stories of Ireland.	J. B. Bartley, Collinon-street, Pyrmont.
34.43 H	Dumas' Isabel of Bavaria.	T. D. Bottomley, 11, Bourke-street.
34.103–105 H	Lytton's Lucretia.	A. Fitzgerald, 8, Milton-terrace, Dawes Point.
34.195 H	Dickens's Nicholas Nickleby.	J. Jewell, 299, Liverpool-street, Woolloomooloo.
34.196, 197 H	Gaskell's North and South.	J. C. Clegg, 28, Young-street, Redfern.
36.145 H	Trollope's Warden.	H. Hawkins, 28, Regent-street, Paddington.
37.20 H	Brontë's Wuthering Heights.	H. Franks, 231, George-street.
49.112 H	Dickens's Speeches: Literary and Social.	J. Cunningham, Ocean-street, Woollahra.
50.188 H	Reynolds's Engine-driving Life.	W. Heathwood, 517, Cleveland-street, Redfern.
51.161 C	Bayne's Browning and Brontë.	H. Rowley, 8, Bowman-street, Chippendale.
51.188 A	Workshop Companion.	W. W. Gilberthorpe, Wellington-street, Balmain.
57.9, 10 H	Blackwood, Tales from.	H. J. Goodman, Jesson-street, Alexandria.
57.98 G	Brown's Barbarossa.	J. Dooley, 86, Brisbane-st.
59.177 H	Ingram's Haunted Homes of Britain.	R. Cain, Pitt-street, Redfern.
71.41 C	Burnaby's Life and Times.	W. E. Lovett, Wynyard Square.

1887.

No. Author and Title of Book. Borrowed by

3.180 E—Fawcett's Political Economy. A. Bailey, 5 Queen-st., Woollahra.
3.191 H—Hughes's Tom Brown at Oxford. A. M'Affer, Leichhardt.
4.146 H.—Beverley's Romantic Life. J. F. Howes, Garden-st., Waterloo.
7.170 H—Ballantyne's Under the Waves. E. Rose, 31, Clarence-street.
9.163 D—Bird's Sandwich Islands. Miss D. Avenel, G.P.O.
12.84 B—Grant's British Battles. C. Young, Redfern.
13.144 D—Mantell's Many Tales. W. J. Franklin, 366, Riley-street.
14.6 H—Collins's Dead Secret. F. A. Turner, Temora-terrace, Pyrmont-street.
14.112 H—Greenwood's Low Life Depths. H. Bocquet, Ebbey-street, Waverley.
18.38 H—Warburton's Merchant Prince. A. Totterdell, 13, Tudor-street, Surry Hills.
19.9 B—Malleson's French Struggles. J. Jones, 77, Barcom-street.
19.187 H—Alcott's Works. L. Mack, Redfern-street.
22.1 D—Stillman's Golden Fleece. W. Whewell, Croydon.
22.172 H—Thackeray's Christmas Books. C. Croft, 92, Denham-street, Glebe.
24.10 A—Kreffu's Australian Snakes. C. Grandemange, 23, Market-street.
24.161 H—Yorke's Cottage Homes. W. R. Webster, Crown-street, Surry Hills.
27.1 D—Dickens's American Notes. J. N. Lamont, 317, Crown-street.
27.10 H—Dickens's Great Expectations. T. Thompson, 7, Spring's Buildings, Waverley.
27.14 H—Dickens's Old Curiosity Shop. P. G. Day, Chippendale.
27.16 H—Dickens's Nicholas Nickleby. D. Pringle, 76, Duke-street.
28.99 H—Stephenson's New Arabian Nights. R. Brennan, Renwick-street, Tempe.
29.172, 173 C—Lennox's My Recollections. J. Robb, 5, Olivette-terrace, Darlington.
30.141, 142 A—Andrés Mining Machinery. M. Jackson, 418, George-street.
31.156, 157 H—Radcliffe's Romance of the Forest. T. C. Ashwin, 3, Rennie-street, Paddington.
32.155 H—Carleton's Father Butler G. Steedman, Palace-street, Petersham.
32.177-179 H—Yates's Forlorn Hope. E. Corray, Devonshire-street, Surry Hills.
35.1 H—Carleton's Neal Malone. W. M'Nevin, 67, Foveaux-street.
38.127 H—Aguilar's Vale of Cedars. E. E. Ward, Norton-street, Leichhardt.
42.186 D—Sala's Twice Round the Clock. M. Biddell, Mackenzie-street, Waverley.
43.68 D—Verne's Exploration. W. Jones, 106, Bathurst-st.
43.137 B—Newman's Sketches. J. M'Sweeney, Kent-street.
44.112 D—Bell's Travels in America. W. Shoobert, Marrickville.
47.1 C—Tegg's Napoleon. J. Andrews, 372, Crown-street.
47.171 H—Van Brouwer's Akbar. H. J. Aldrick, Cowper-street, Glebe.
48.109 A—Westropp's Pottery. F. Well, 230, Dowling-st.
49.21 A—Le Pileur's Human Body. D. Davis, 119, Palmer-street.
51.189 B—Longman's Frederick the Great. C. Johnson, 80A, Pitt-street.
53.179 H—Houghton's Evenings at Home. J. Croft, Catherine-street, Leichhardt.
55.169, 170 H—Lytton's The Student. S. Symonds, West-street, St. Leonards.
58.32 F—Williams's Religion. C. Crawley, 132, Bourke-street.
67.115 C—Jennings's Lord Tennyson. W. Gray, Botany Road.
68.28 G—Greaves's Irish Songs. J. Moore, 10, Thomas-street, Redfern.
68.66 H—Kingsley's Hypatia. D. Johnston, Cooper-street.
69.1 H—Tuer's Quads. W. Squire, North Shore.
69.85 H—Verne's Kerraban. G. Huggard, 62, Palmer-street.
72.133 A—Bach's Singing. R. M. Thomas, Palace Hotel, George-street.

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No. Author and Title of Book. Borrowed by

1.33 H—Stowe's Pink and White Tyranny. C. Leslie, Arthur-street, Moore Park.
2.70 H—Haddon's Book-keeping. F. S. Napthali, Point Piper Road, Woollahra.
3.178 H—Hammerton's Intellectual Life. Miss A. Argles, 31½, Walker-street, Redfern.
4.112 H—Wilson's Tales of the Borders. T. Crampton, Halleybury Cottage, Double Bay.
6.97 H—Andersen's Danish Fairy Tales. D. Loise, Charlotte-lane, Sydney.
7.121 B—Cox's Campaigns of the Civil War. J. Leonard, 24, Francis-street, Hyde Park.
9.62 H—Knight's Half-hours with Best Authors. J. Hartley, 45, Bayswater Road.
10.148 H—Hughes's Tom Brown's Schooldays. J. Edgar, Union-street, Pyrmont.
10.162, 163 H—Kohl's Travels in Canada. S. Norman, 60, Dowling-street, Paddington.
11.175 A—Jones's Evolution of the Human Race. A. Thomas, 604, Harris-street, Ultimo.
12.51 D—Wilkinson's Sunny Lands. T. Mitchell, Hunter's Hill.
13.147 B—Story of Waterloo. O. Kelly, Rose-street, Darlington.
17.103 D—Jerrold's at Home in Paris. A. H. Couldery, "Aubyn," Stanmore.
22.38 A—Youatt's The Horse. A. J. Kent, 53, Lewis-street, Redfern.
25.171 B—Journal of the Plague Year. J. C. Sayers, Victoria Cottage, Edward-street, North Shore.
26.4 A—Gore's Scientific Discovery. H. J. Gibson, St. Aubyn terrace, Ridge-street, North Shore.
26.43 H—Beeton's Household Amusements. K. D. Moore, 31, Wigram-street, Forest Lodge.
26.58 C—Celebrated Men. W. H. Jeffreys, 2, Brent-street, Balmain.
26.189, 190 C—Alger's Life of E. Forest. H. Cooke, 129, Liverpool-street, Sydney.
27.76 H—Benjamin's Wrinkles and Recipes. G. Mathieson, 36, Wells-street, Redfern.
27.77 C—Barnum, Life of. S. Hornby, Survey Office.
27.80 D—Barnard's Three Years' Cruise. R. O'Neill, 21, Little West-street, Darlinghurst.
29.122 A—Arnold's Dairying. J. Sherrington, 2, Denison-street, Woollahra.
30.86, 87 H—Thackeray's Pendennis. Miss E. Williams, Trafalgar-terrace, Petersham.
32.133-135 H—Martineau's Romance. J. Waus, 23, Botany-street.
32.166-168 H—Ollier's Ferrers. H. Stewart, 594, Kent-st.
33.169-171 H—Tabor's Janita's Cross. W. Harvey, Andreas-street, Petersham.
40.168-170 G—Swift's Works. J. Sheideaux, 441, Bourke-street.
41.140 A—Gore's Electro-deposition. R. Gibson, St. Aubyn's Terrace, North Shore.
41.157 F—Parker's Collected Works. G. Shaw, 65, Pitt-st.
45.152 A—Miller's Lockwood's Price-book. E. Phillips, 50, Macquarie-street South.
45.157 A—Anderson's Persia. A. Roy, 208, Pitt-street.
47.2 B—Keightley's Mythology. T. Mozzal, 7, Erskineville Road.
48.96 G—Kendall's Leaves from Australian Forests. C. Hungerford, 146, Phillip-street.
52.180 H—Thackeray's Four Georges. R. M'Grath, 114, Dowling-street.
57.87 G—Bell's British Theatre. J. G. Neale, Cannon Grove, Hurstville.
58.117 D—Knox's Boy Traveller. R. O'Neill, 35, Barcom-street, Darlinghurst.
71.124 C—Davitt's Prison Diary. J. Molloy, 32, Princes-st.
73.102 H—Harris's Coaching Age. R. Logan, Pitt-street, Redfern.
73.184 C—Pycroft's Oxford Memories. J. A. Howison, 441, Darling-street, Ultimo.

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No.	Author and Title of Book.	Borrowed by
3.81 B	Lamartine's French Revolution.	E. G. Froam, 4, Victoria Chambers, Elizabeth-street.
5.1 H	Warner's Wide Wide World.	H. A. Sheen, 149, Elizabeth-street, Redfern.
5.191 H	Bunce's Cloudland.	Mrs. F. M. Ellis. Smith-street, Balmain.
8.148 F	Hughes's Economy of Thought.	J. J. Golden, 14, Bennett-street, Moore Park.
10.148 H	Hughes's Tom Brown's School Days.	E. Goodwin, 83, College-street, Camperdown.
10.167 F	Studies of Man.	A. Willmott, Mill Hill-street, Waverley.
13.81 A	Dolbear's The Telephone.	H. Hendy-Pooley, 60, Macleay-street, Potts Point.
13.188 D	Drayson's Han's Sterk.	Mrs. E. Kensit, Gerald-street, Marrickville.
14.66-8 H	Froude's Short Studies.	M. Small, Ryde.
14.69 D	Young's Nyassa.	L. Jaap, 55, Womerah Avenue, Darlinghurst.
15.36-7 C	Barker's French Society.	W. J. Hamill, 373, Crown-street.
16.76 H	Haliburton's Attaché.	J. Johnson, 119, Victoria-street, Darlinghurst.
16.128 H	Thackeray's Paris Sketch-book.	Mrs. Bolingbroke, 99, Palmer-street.
17.88 C	Helps's Life of Columbus.	F. W. Blackshaw, 79, Stanley-street.
18.76 G	Milton's Poetical Works.	C. J. Smith, 101, Bourke-street, Woolloomooloo.
18.167 D	Jackson's Sketches in the Sweet South.	A. Scottbroad, St. Mary's Terrace, Woolloomooloo.
20.7 D	Prime's Around the World.	H. G. Flint, 98, Dowling-street, Surry Hills.
21.7 D	Speke's Discovery of the Source of the Nile.	C. Browne, Rochester Cottage, Stanmore.
22.80 H	Warren's Now and then.	J. W. V. Stevenson, Ranges Road, Neutral Bay.
22.169 H	Thackeray's Book of Snobs.	F. Walden, John-street, Woollahra.
22.174 B	Wilson's Cleopatra's Needle.	A. Hartley, University-street, Camperdown.
23.49 D	Tilley's Japan, the Amoor, &c.	Miss A. Wray, 301, Darlington Road.
24.137 C	Gardiner, Story of.	Mrs. S. Burne, 53, Douglas-street, Redfern.
27.2 H	Dickens's Barnaby Rudge.	Miss M. O'Connor, Junction-street, Forest Lodge.
27.3 H	Dickens's Bleak House.	H. La Grange, 175, William-street, City.
28.151 B	Schmitz's Ancient History.	P. Lyons, Carrington Road, Waverley.
30.24 B	Thackeray's Christmas Books.	C. Hammond, 90, Paddington-street, Paddington.
30.35 H	Thackeray's Irish Sketch Book.	J. C. Gill, 71, Lower Fort-street, City.
30.51 H	Thackeray's Newcomes.	B. Mackinnon, "Gowree," Waverley.
31.15 H	Lockhart's Adam Blair.	Miss S. Campbell, 219, Victoria-street, Darlinghurst.
32.189 H	Trollope's Framley Parsonage.	F. White, Malcolm-street, Macdonald Town.
33.166-8 H	Smith's Jane Lomax.	J. Eager, 4, Elizabeth Square, Paddington.
34.51 H	Hugo's Slave King.	W. Duncan, 181, Devonshire-street, Surry Hills.
35.100 H	Romances of Chivalric Ages.	G. Brown, University-street, Camperdown.
37.61-2 H	Fielding's Amelia.	L. R. Jarrett, Australia-street, Woollahra.
37.107 H	Christie's Love Story.	E. B. Pearson, 71, York-street, City.
39.118-9 C	Hingston's Genial Showman.	E. A. Gillett, 71, Bathurst-street.
44.124 H	Simpson's Prophecies in the Old and New Testaments.	J. M. Foggan, 17, Wilson-street, Newtown.
45.150 D	Vijn's Cetshwayo's Dutchman.	J. Moran, "Queensland Hotel," Erskine-street.
45.151 H	Melville's Market Harborough.	J. Doherty, Brown-street, Camperdown.
48.103 B	Croker's History of the Guillotine.	L. H. Reddall, 21, Brisbane-street.
48.138 A	Circle of Science, Navigation, &c.	J. Read, 59, Argyle-street.
50.83 H	Franc's Golden Gifts.	T. Fitz Patrick, Ross-street, Parramatta.
50.146 F	Talmage's Masque torn off.	J. Burrows, Unwin's Bridge Road, Marrickville.
52.142 A	Farran's Human Voice.	L. H. Bond, 34, Holt-street, Surry Hills.
53.77 H	Paddock's Fate of Madame la Tour.	W. M'Lachlan, 9, Denison-street, Woollahra.
56.129 D	Warren's Life on the Nile.	C. E. Cutlen, 141, Pitt-street, City.
57.89 G	Hill's Zara.	A. Hirst, Sandringham Road.
57.136-8 H	Rowney's Young Zemindar.	M. Montgomery, 166, Surry-street, Darlinghurst.
60.123 A	Phillips's Explorers' Companion.	D. Stansfield, Bathurst-street, City.
66.83 E	Blackley's Thrift Independence.	J. Cook, M'Arthur-street, Granville.
66.164 D	Barneby's Life in the West.	R. Shackell, Dobroyde-street, Summer Hill.
72.123 E	MacColl's Home Rule.	C. Mould, Cameron-street, Darling Point.
75.171 A	Murray's Marine Engines.	J. Boyd, "Bayview," M'Mahon's Point.

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(REPORT FROM TRUSTEES FOR 1891.)

Presented to Parliament by Command.

The Trustees of the Free Public Library to The Minister of Public Instruction.

SIR, Sydney, 9 March, 1892.

I have the honor to transmit to you the Twenty-first Annual Report of the Trustees of the Free Public Library for the year 1891.

2. The vacancy in the Board, caused by the death of Professor W. J. Stephens in November, 1890, has been filled up by the appointment of Professor Mungo W. MacCallum, M.A., which was gazetted on 28th January following.

3. The Trustees, with deep regret, have to report the death of the Hon. Sir William Macleay, Knt., M.L.C., F.L.S., which took place on Monday, 7th December. At a meeting of the Board held on 9th December, it was resolved,—"That this Board desires to record its sense of the great loss which has been sustained by the Free Public Library, Sydney, and the Colony at large, in the decease of the Hon. Sir William Macleay, Knt., M.L.C., F.L.S. (the last survivor of the first ten appointed Trustees of the Library), and to express the same to the surviving members of his family."

4. In April last negotiations were entered into with the executrix of the will of the late Professor Stephens for the purchase of the whole of his library, the result of which was that the Board obtained a collection consisting of 1,431 volumes of choice books and 194 pamphlets for the small sum of £450.

5. An Australasian Bibliography, being a catalogue of books in the Free Public Library, Sydney, up to the end of the year 1888, relating to or published in Australasia, has been completed, and special authority of the Colonial Treasurer was obtained, through your Department, for printing the same, but owing to the great pressure of Parliamentary and other work, the Government Printer was unable to make a commencement until 1st October last. The volume will contain about 1,000 pages, and will be published in three parts—Part I being a general list of authors, editors, &c., with full titles. Part II books arranged under authors' names separately for each Colony, viz.:—No. 1, New South Wales; No. 2, Victoria; No. 3, South Australia; No. 4, Queensland; No. 5, Western Australia; No. 6, New Zealand; No. 7, Tasmania; No. 8, Polynesia; and No. 9, New Guinea. Part III will be arranged under subjects and titles, with a general index. It is expected that the work will be ready for issue about the end of the year 1892, and that the very large demand for the same will soon cover the whole cost of printing.

6. A new catalogue of the Lending Branch having also been prepared, the last sheets are now being printed, and it will be ready for issue in a few weeks. The printing of this work has been delayed for more than two years, owing to the quantity of

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of official printing in the hands of the Government Printer and to the Trustees not having sufficient funds at their disposal to defray the cost of printing the work at a private establishment.

7. For the Reference Library, at present numbering over 65,000 volumes, a new catalogue is in course of preparation upon a complete and concise plan, but the labour of bringing out a work of this character is very heavy, and it could not be fairly commenced until the re-arrangement of the books in the new Library in Macquarie-street, which was completed on 1st May, 1890. It is expected that this catalogue will be ready for issue before the end of the year 1893, but in the meantime the manuscript is available for readers and students.

8. The number of volumes added to the Library during the year, as shown in Appendix A is—For the Reference Library, 4,645; Lending Branch, 771; Country Libraries, 245; total, 5,661; and during the year the number of books transferred, worn out, or lost, was 64 for the Reference Library and 81 for the Lending Branch. The total number of volumes in the Library on 31st December was 91,945.

9. In the return comprised in Appendix B, the past year shows an excess of 4,520 visits to the Library beyond the highest number for any previous year since the opening of the Institution in 1869; a result which satisfactorily shows that the advantages offered to readers and students are more highly appreciated than ever.

10. During the year 133 Country Libraries were supplied, under the special regulations of the Free Public Library, with 19,350 volumes, and the boxes containing these volumes travelled a distance of 45,670 miles. A list of the borrowing Institutions is given in Appendix E, which shows such a highly satisfactory result that the Trustees have ordered sufficient books to fill ten additional boxes, most of which will be ready and put into circulation during the year 1892, the demand for loans of boxes being still greatly in excess of the supply.

11. The Reference Library has been kept open during the year on 358 days including Sundays, and the Lending Branch, also including Sundays, on 348 days.

12. The Trustees desire to record their thanks to various donors during the year for 556 volumes presented to the Library, a list of which is given in Appendix H. Among these gifts may be specially mentioned "The Jeypore Portfolio of Architectural Details," presented by H.R.H. the Maharaja of Jeypore; and the original Commission, signed by Governor Phillip, appointing Philip Gidley King, Superintendent and Commandant of Norfolk Island, dated February, 1788, which was purchased specially for this Library by Messrs. R. and G. Tangye, of Birmingham, England, and presented by them free of cost. Under the Copyright Act, the Trustees received 130 volumes of books published in the Colony.

13. The statistics comprised in Appendices A to I give full information as to the working of the Library, the results of which are quite as satisfactory as those of previous years.

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JAMES NORTON,
President.

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APPENDIX A.

NUMBER OF VOLUMES in the FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY on the 31st December, 1891.

Synopsis of Classification.	Reference Department.	Lending Branch.	For Country Libraries.	Total.
Natural Philosophy, Science, and the Arts	7,827	3,318	836	11,981
History, Chronology, Antiquities, and Mythology	6,044	2,937	990	9,971
Biography and Correspondence	4,237	3,491	1,212	8,940
Geography, Topography, Voyages and Travels, &c.	6,057	3,152	808	10,017
Periodical and Serial Literature	17,616	.....	.....	17,616
Jurisprudence	3,669	875	88	4,632
Theology, Moral and Mental Philosophy, and Education	3,947	1,258	116	5,321
Poetry and Drama	2,284	746	107	3,137
Miscellaneous Literature and Collected Works	4,920	5,131*	353	10,404
Works of Reference and Philology	4,402	.....	.....	4,402
Duplicates and unbound Volumes	1,783	.....	.....	1,783
Pamphlets	3,143	.....	.....	3,143
Books for the Blind	.....	598	.....	598
Total Number of Volumes	65,929	21,506	4,510	91,945

Books transferred, worn out, or lost during the year, deducted from the stock. Reference Library, 64; Lending Branch, 81.

* Including 2,401 vols of Prose Fiction.

APPENDIX B.

NUMBER and average of visits of Readers to the Library, the number of days the Library was open to the public, and the average number of volumes used on Sundays and on Week-days, from 1st January to 31st December, 1891.

Number of visits for the year—

To the Reference Library	114,947
To the Lending Branch	58,258
Total	173,205

Total visits to the Reference Library on Week-days	110,015	On Sundays ...	4,932
Total visits to the Lending Branch on Week-days	55,363	On Sundays ...	2,889
Daily average of visits to the Reference Library on Week-days	360	On Sundays ...	95
Daily average of visits to the Lending Branch on Week-days...	186	On Sundays ...	57

Total number of days that the REFERENCE LIBRARY was open (including Sundays) 358

Total number of days that the LENDING BRANCH was open (including Sundays)... 348

Average number of VOLUMES used on SUNDAYS—

Reference Library (from 2 to 6 o'clock p.m.)	115
Lending Branch (from 2 to 6 o'clock p.m.)...	66
Total	181

Average number of VOLUMES used on WEEK-DAYS—

Reference Library (from 10 o'clock a.m. to 10 o'clock p.m.)	780
Lending Branch (from 10 o'clock a.m. to 9 o'clock p.m.)	217
Total	997

Summary

Summary of Visits to the Library, 1869–1891.

1869 (three months—1 Oct. to 31 Dec.)	17,006	1881	136,272
1870	59,786	1882 (eleven months)	133,731
1871	60,165	1883	155,431
1872	48,817	1884 (eleven months)	161,877
1873	76,659	1885	165,715
1874 (eleven months)	57,962	1886	168,685
1875	66,900	1887 (closed three months for moving)	139,203
1876	72,724	1888	149,425
1877 (Lending Branch first opened) ...	124,688	1889	132,983
1878	117,047	1890	155,822
1879 (Exhibition open)	152,036	1891	173,205
1880	134,462		

APPENDIX C.

Classes of Books borrowed from the Lending Branch of the Free Public Library, Sydney, from 1st January to 31st December, 1891.

No. of days open.	No. of Tickets issued to Borrowers.	No. of Borrowers' visits.	Synopsis of Classification of Reading.	No. of Volumes issued.	Daily average of Vols. issued, including Sundays.
348	5,002	58,252	Natural Philosophy, Science, and the Arts	6,859	19·710
			History, Chronology, Antiquities, and Mythology	6,841	19·658
			Biography and Correspondence	6,836	19·643
			Geography, Topography, Voyages and Travels	11,121	31·957
			Jurisprudence	1,248	3·586
			Mental and Moral Philosophy, &c.	2,245	6·451
			Poetry and Drama	1,814	5·212
			Miscellaneous Literature	12,444	35·760
			Prose Works of Fiction	18,582	53·396
			Total	67,990	195·373

APPENDIX D.

Classes of Books read, the Number of Volumes used, and the Number of Visits to the Libraries, on Sundays, during the year 1891.

No. of Sundays open.	No. of Visits.	Daily average of Visits.		No. of Volumes used.	Daily average of Vols. used on Sundays.
			Reference Library.		
52	4,932	95	Natural Philosophy, Science, and the Arts	871	16·750
			History, Chronology, Antiquities, and Mythology	445	8·558
			Biography and Correspondence	516	9·923
			Geography, Topography, Voyages and Travels, &c.	698	13·423
			Periodical and Serial Literature	1,322	25·423
			Jurisprudence	259	4·981
			Theology, Moral and Mental Philosophy, and Education	87	1·673
			Poetry and Drama	331	6·365
			Miscellaneous Literature and Collected Works	1,080	20·769
			Works of Reference and Philology	404	7·769
			Total	6,013	115·634
			Lending Branch.		
50	2,889	57	Natural Philosophy, Science, and the Arts	357	7·140
			History, Chronology, Antiquities, and Mythology	319	6·380
			Biography and Correspondence	323	6·460
			Geography, Topography, Voyages and Travels	658	13·160
			Jurisprudence	64	1·280
			Mental and Moral Philosophy, &c.	108	2·160
			Poetry and Drama	105	2·100
			Miscellaneous Literature	526	10·520
			Prose Works of Fiction	852	17·040
			Total	3,312	66·240

APPENDIX E.

NUMBER of Boxes of Books borrowed from the Free Public Library, Sydney, by Country Libraries, with miles travelled, during the year 1891.

Town.	Institution.	No. of Boxes borrowed.	No. of Vols. issued.	Miles travelled.	Town.	Institution.	No. of Boxes borrowed.	No. of Vols. issued.	Miles travelled.
Auburn	School of Arts	3	263	60	Marrickville	School of Arts	2	160	11
Ballina	School of Arts	2	155	1,092	Milton	Free Library	1	90	159
Bathurst	School of Arts	1	92	290	Mittagong	School of Arts	2	152	308
Berrima	School of Arts	1	92	92	Morpeth	School of Arts	2	148	486
Berry	School of Arts	2	159	261	Moss Vale	School of Arts	2	168	261
Boat Harbour	School of Arts	1	89	378	Narrabri	Mechanics' Institute	1	82	702
Bombala	School of Arts	2	150	954	Newcastle	School of Arts	2	160	306
Bourke	Mechanics' Institute	1	63	1,006	N. Ryde	School of Arts	1	97	15
Bowral	School of Arts	1	87	160	Nowra	School of Arts	1	69	98
Brushgrove	School of Arts	2	192	1,014	Orange	School of Arts	2	176	576
Bulladelah	School of Arts	1	93	155	Plattsburg	Mechanics' Institute	2	148	306
Carcoar	School of Arts	2	153	552	Pt. Macquarie	School of Arts	2	129	550
Cobar	School of Arts	2	148	1,635	Queanbeyan	School of Arts	1	100	390
Cooma	School of Arts	1	61	792	Quirindi	School of Arts	3	244	1,755
Coraki	School of Arts	3	258	1,745	Randwick	School of Arts	2	147	16
Cudgellico	Literary Institute	1	61	930	Robbinsville	School of Arts	2	185	160
Cundletown	School of Arts	2	176	920	Robertson	School of Arts	1	89	198
Dungog	School of Arts	3	215	780	Rockley	School of Arts	1	62	332
Glen Innes	School of Arts	1	61	846	Richmond	School of Arts	2	181	142
Gosford	School of Arts	2	125	150	St. Mary's	School of Arts	2	163	87
Goulburn	School of Arts	2	167	402	Stockton	School of Arts	2	149	228
Grafton	School of Arts	1	60	1,056	Tamworth	Mechanics' Institute	2	149	846
Granville	School of Arts	2	147	39	Taree	School of Arts	1	99	424
Grenfell	Free Library	1	80	287	Temora	School of Arts	2	158	726
Gresford	School of Arts	2	175	432	Tenterfield	School of Arts	2	140	1,440
Gulgong	Free Library	3	257	1,005	Thornleigh	School of Arts	3	123	90
Gundagai	Literary Institute	1	89	574	Ulmarra	School of Arts	1	60	1,368
Gunnedah	School of Arts	1	61	885	Wagga Wagga	School of Arts	1	88	1,485
Hamilton	School of Arts	2	150	300	Walcha	School of Arts	3	265	618
Helensburgh	School of Arts	2	176	81	Waratah	School of Arts	1	70	103
Hillgrove	School of Arts	1	86	742	Warneton	School of Arts	1	78	318
Hornsby	School of Arts	2	151	84	Warren	School of Arts	1	70	353
Inverell	School of Arts	2	123	1,404	Wee Waa	School of Arts	1	60	376
Islington	School of Arts	1	97	204	Wellington	Public Library	3	242	1,240
Jerilderie	School of Arts	2	151	1,236	Wickham	School of Arts	2	62	306
Kenthurst	School of Arts	1	89	56	Wilcannia	Athenæum	1	89	2,178
Kiandra	School of Arts	1	58	676	Wolumla	School of Arts	3	241	978
Laurieton	School of Arts	3	267	1,355	Woonona	School of Arts	1	97	88
Lithgow	School of Arts	1	86	96					
Manilla	School of Arts	3	207	927		Total	133	10,350	45,670

APPENDIX F.

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1	11	6	0
2	0	7	8
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4	7	9	7
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Amended Regulations.

Conditions upon which books in boxes, each containing lots of about 60 volumes, will be lent by the Trustees of the Free Public Library, Sydney, to Libraries in Country Districts of New South Wales:—

1. Books will be lent only to Trustees or Committees of Free Libraries, Schools of Arts, Mechanics' Institutes, or Libraries of Municipalities, that may be beyond the boundaries of the City of Sydney.

2. All books authorized to be lent under these conditions shall be bound in good strong binding, placed in boxes constructed of nearly uniform size, and numbered from one upwards. Each box shall contain about 60 volumes, according to its catalogue, in which no alteration can be made.

3. Printed catalogue slips of the contents of each box, stating the value of each book, together with forms of application for loans, will be forwarded, free of charge, on application being made to the Principal Librarian.

4. Trustees or Committees of Country Libraries, &c., wishing to obtain books on loan, must make application in writing, stating which particular box of books they desire to borrow; and their application must be accompanied by an undertaking in the form approved by the Trustees of the Free Public Library, Sydney, to indemnify them against loss.

5. Borrowers, in their applications, must give a full description of the Library, room, or building in or from which it is proposed to deposit or lend the books, and must specify the time for which they desire to retain the use of the books. They must also submit, for the approval of the Trustees, the conditions or regulations under which it is proposed to lend any books so obtained from the Trustees, who reserve to themselves the right of refusing any application without assigning any reason therefor.

6. No charge will be made for the loan of any box of books to cover the cost of freight, packing, and collating; but no receipt will be given for any books returned until they have been collated, and an adjustment made for any loss or damage that may be discovered.

Application to Borrow Books.

Sir, 189 .

We are desirous of borrowing the books enumerated in your catalogue slip No. on behalf of the of which the names of the* are

It is proposed to retain the books for months from the date of their despatch from Sydney, and to keep them (while not lent under the conditions mentioned below) in the building, of which *a full* description is attached, in order that you may effect an insurance on the said books to cover risk against fire so long as they remain in the said building.

Enclosed herewith is a copy of the regulations under which we propose to lend the books, and we agree to sign an undertaking in the form required by the Trustees of the Free Public Library, Sydney.

We have the honor to be, Sir,
Your most obedient servants.

The Principal Librarian, Free Public Library, Sydney.

* Trustees or Committee.

Undertaking to be signed by Borrowers of Books from the Free Public Library, Sydney, for use of Libraries, &c., in Country Districts.

In consideration of the books enumerated in the Catalogue hereunto annexed, together with the box containing the same, having this day been delivered to us by Robert Cooper Walker, the Principal Librarian of the said Free Public Library, Sydney, for the use of the situate at we, the undersigned, undertake and agree with the said Robert Cooper Walker, and also with the Trustees of the said Free Public Library, Sydney, and each and any two or more of them, as follows:—

1. The books will be kept in a suitable apartment of the said to be approved of by the Trustees of the said Free Public Library, Sydney, and the public will be permitted to use the same during such hours only as shall be determined by the Trustees (or Committee, as the case may be), but may be lent by such of the said Trustees (or Committee, as the case may be) under the same Regulations as shall apply to books belonging to the said institution.

2. The said books and box shall be returned to the said Robert Cooper Walker, or other Principal Librarian for the time being of the said Free Public Library, Sydney, at the expiration of months from the date of despatch from Sydney, in good condition, allowance being made for reasonable wear.

3. We undertake to pay to the said Robert Cooper Walker, or other Principal Librarian for the time being of the Free Public Library:—

(1.) The value of every book not returned.
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(3.) The value of the whole work, set, or series, in case any volume or part thereof shall not be returned within the time above mentioned.

4. In case default shall be made in the observance or performance of any of the conditions aforesaid, we will pay to the said Robert Cooper Walker, or other Principal Librarian of the said Free Public Library, Sydney, for the time being, the sum of £50 (fifty pounds) as liquidated damages.

Dated at this day of 18 .

Witness to the signature of the said—

Witness to the signature of the said—

APPENDIX H.

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APPENDIX I.

List of Books missing from the Lending Branch during 1891.

No. Author and Title of Book. Borrowed by

1.61 D—Mark Twain's Innocents Abroad. H. McGrath, Mill Hill Road, Waverley.
4.68 H—Swift's Gulliver's Travels. W. T. Smith, 103 Regent-street, Chippendale.
7.183, 184 F—Spencer's Things New and Old. A. Vivian, Marlborough-street, Leichhardt.
8.52-54 B—Buckle's Civilization in England. J. Ferguson, Church-street, Parramatta.
10.15 B—Barrow's Mutiny of the *Bounty*. C. B. Bradley, Elizabeth-street, Ashfield.
10.15 B—Barrow's Mutiny of the *Bounty*. F. Baker, 59 Campbell-street, Glebe.
11.18 H—Beeton's Hero Soldiers. H. Mitchell, 297 Abercrombie-street.
13.119 B—Might not Right. O. G. Rientis, 299 Cleveland-street, Redfern.
15.20 D—Notable Shipwrecks. S. Seach, 2 Stream-street, Darlington.
15.131 A—Beeton's Garden Management. F. Rose, Underwood-street, Paddington.
20.184 H—Gilbert's Nothing but the Truth. G. R. Sothern, Bucknell-street, Newtown.
24.149 H—Riddel's Moors and Fens. B. Harriott, Albert-Parade, Ashfield.
25.191 A—Spon's Workshop Receipts. H. J. Hellyer, Thornley-street, Leichhardt.
27.11 H—Dicken's Hard Times. G. Wilson, 31 Gerrard-street, Alexandria.
27.13 H—Dicken's Martin Chuzzlewit. W. C. Dale, 190 Liverpool-street.
27.57 H—Scott's Peveril of the Peak. H. B. May, St. Aubyn, Denison Road, Lewisham.
30.63, 64 H—Thackeray's Adventures of Philip. T. C. Stiles, 265 Bourke-street.
30.63, 64 H—Thackeray's Adventures of Philip. F. H. M. Nathan, 43 Lower Fort-street.
30.130 H—Bell's Elocution. Miss I. Flower, Mercantile Bank, Pyrmont.
32.93 H—Lytton's Coming Race. W. Treasure, 70 Glebe Point Road.
32.93 H—Litton's Coming Race. J. Clark, Croydon Road, Rockdale.
32.39 H—Lytton's Coming Race. J. J. Kelleher, 180 Campbell-street.
32.140 H—Lytton's Eugene Aram. R. Hodson, 73 Botany-street, Waterloo.
32.20 H—Lytton's Godolphin. W. Clark, 61 Ben Boyd Road, Neutral Bay.
34.16, 17 H—Lytton's Parisians. A. Card, Undercliff-street, Neutral Bay.
36.122-124 H—Gleig's Chelsea Hospital. J. Fewer, Rocky Point Road, Rockdale.
37.34 H—Danenhower's Voyage of the *Jeanette*. B. Nixon, Jesmond Place, Surry Hills.
38.102 H—Stowe's Queer Little People. Mrs. Wannell, 164 Albion-street.
42.41 C—Club Cameos, Portraits. C. Ryan, Station-street, Newtown.
42.195 D—Murphy's Sporting Adventures. W. A. Forsythe, New Canterbury Road, Petersham.
45.109 B—Voltaire's History of Charles XII. J. M'Glynn, 26 Regent-street, City.
46.177 A—Cassell's Popular Educator. P. Levy, 183 Underwood-street, Paddington.
48.104 H—Barker's Stories about. R. Harris, 17 Mary-street, Surry Hills.
49.76 D—Voyage to the Western Coast of Africa. E. Smithers, Park Road, St. Peters.
50.88 A—Kallos. Scientific Culture. E. W. Blair, Avoca-street, Randwick.
50.121 F—Talmage's Worried Housekeeper, &c. J. Parker, Silver-street, Marrickville.
55.80 H—Trowbridge's Three Scouts. A. D'Alpuget, 202 Glenmore Road, Paddington.
57.188 H—Romantic Stories. J. Shaw, 144 Waverley Road, Woollahra.
58.193 B—Marvin's Russian Annexation of Merv. F. Marshall, 211 Glebe Road, Ultimo.
59.10 H—Baldwin's Story of Roland. A. Pringle, 18 Little Arthur-street, Surry Hills.
62.34 B—Porter's History of the Civil War. T. C. M'Aldon, Regent-street, Redfern.
63.189 A—Page's Animal Anecdotes. A. Martin, Dalkeith, Eastwood.
66.173 C—Emerson's Man and Teacher. L. M'Ilveen, York Crescent, Petersham.
67.59 D—Williamson's Old Highways in China. S. Scott, 24 Edward-street, Redfern.
68.13 H—Swinny's Zulu Boy's Recollections. F. Morris, Hobb-street, Lewisham.
68.68 H—Kingsley's Water Babies. Miss Lydia Breakwell, 44 Brougham-street.
68.180 H—Tales of Old Lusitania. J. M'Evoy, 11 Hill-street, Surry Hills.
69.172 F—Herricks Some Heretics of Yesterday. J. M. Costello, 12 Chapman-street.
70.128 C—Ballantine's The Old World and the New. H. Martin, 15 Little Belmore-street.
71.130 H—Cleveland's George Eliot's Poetry, &c. H. Hunt, 41 Pitt-street, Redfern.
73.87 H—Dicken's Hard Times. W. C. Anderson, 109 Regent-street, Redfern.
77.187 C—Harrison's Life of Cromwell. E. Wellesley, 20 Mary-street, Newtown.
78.114 D—Churchward's Blackbirding in the South Pacific. W. Benson, Warren Road, Tempe.
79.37, 38 B—Macaulay's History of England. J. Trimble, 72 Stanley-street.
80.2 D—Stanley's In Darkest Africa. J. J. Benson, Emily-street, Marrickville.
80.30 C—Williams' Leaves of a Life. W. A. Richards, Burwood Road.
80.79 C—Kebbel's Earl of Derby. E. G. B. Gibson, Bellvue, Erskineville.

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No. Author and Title of Book. Borrowed by

3.180 E—Fawcett's Political Economy. A. Bailey, 5 Queen-street, Woollahra
5.108 D—Wright's Marco Polo. W. Grant, Lord's Road, Botany.
5.133 B—Cobbett's Porcupine's Works. F. Stevens, Castlereagh-street, Redfern.
7.121 B—Cox's Campaign of the Civil War. J. Leonard, 24 Francis-street, Hyde Park.
10.113 C—Miller's My Schools and Schoolmasters. W. Harris, Crown Road, Ultimo.
10.148 H—Hughes' Tom Brown's Schooldays. J. Edgar, Union-street, Pyrmont
17.51 A—Darwin's Origin of Species. J. H. Bath, Sutton-street, Alexandria.
19.187 H—Alcott's Works. L. Mack, Redfern-street.
20.8 E—Brassey's Work and Wages. T. Bertram, Alice-street, Newtown.
20.135 H—Storey's Castle of St. Angelo. A. Finch, Elizabeth-street.
21.162 A—Davidson's Pretty Arts. S. J. W. Culman, Marlborough-street, Surry Hills.
27.1 D—Dickens' American Notes. A. W. Plummer, 3 Napier-street, Paddington.
22.103 G—Beeton's Great Book of Poetry. R. P. Hall, 183 William-street.
23-14 D—Burnaby's Ride to Kiva. W. C. Crowley, 64 Womerah Avenue.
27.7 H—Dickens' David Copperfield. Miss Ghiggins, Brougham-street.
27.11 H—Dickens' Hard Times. A. Robin, Pitt-street.
27.20 H—Dickens' Tale of Two Cities. Mrs. J. Dickson, Hunter's Hill.
31.97 H—Dickens' Battle of Life. J. Collins, 282 Elizabeth-steeet.

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No.	*Author and Title of Book.*	*Borrowed by*
34.24-6 H	Trollope's La Vendee.	M. Newman, Cook's Road, Marrickville.
34.104 H	Lytton's Pausanias.	J. M. Kelly, Palmer-street.
34.103-105 H	Lytton's Lucretia.	A. Fitzgerald, 5 Milton-terrace, Dawes' Point.
36.183,184 H	Scott's Woodstock.	P. Harris, Begg-street, Paddington.
43.68 H	Verne's Exploration.	W. Jones, Bathurst-street.
43.180 B	Mommsen's History of Rome.	R. M. Kidston, Newtown.
58.32 F	Williams' Religion.	C. Crawley, 132, Bourke-street.
60.65 G	Swinburne's Lochrine.	D. Ward, Norton-street, Leichhardt.
60.107 D	Huntly's Travels in East Europe.	T. Ockerby, 257, Sussex-street.
60.185 C	Daudet's Literary Life in Paris.	J. S. Green, Manly.
68.66 H	Kingsley's Hypatia.	D. Johnston, Cooper-street.
73.85 H	Dickens' Little Dorrit.	C. S. Gaud, George-street.
73.199-200 D	Wells' Exploring Brazil.	W. Densham, Darlinghurst.

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No.	*Author and Title of Book.*	*Borrowed by*
2.98 A	Amour's Iron and Heat.	E. G. Huie, 204, Bourke-street.
3.168 C	Mackenna's Brave Men, &c.	Frank H. Gibson, 741, George-street.
4.149 H	Enquire Within.	W. Chudzy, Wentworth Court.
16.39 H	Galt's Provost.	F. Canvin, 33, Collins-st., Surry Hills.
16.99 D	Atherton's Adrift.	H. Budd, 67, Cumberland-st
18.199 A	Roberts' Anthropometry.	J. W. Terry, 15, Macquarie-place.
22.161	Thackeray's Vanity Fair.	M. J. Richardson, 36, Wynyard Square.
23.152 C	Life of Robert Bruce.	W. Drewett, 80, Denham-street, Glebe.
24.142 H	Rowcroft's Tales of the Colonies.	W. Morris, Dawes Battery.
25.120 D	Ballantyne's Hudson's Bay.	G. Moorcroft, Darling-street, Balmain.
25.188 D	Cumming's Five Years in South Africa.	C. U. Stuart, Denham-street, Glebe.
27.7 H	Dickens' David Copperfield.	R. Wiesendanger, 13, Little Macquarie-street.
27.11 H	Dickens' Hard Times.	R. Webber, 76, Glenmore Road, Paddington.
27.13 H	Dickens' Martin Chuzzlewit.	L. Jenkinson, 23, Macquarie street.
27.18 H	Dickens' Pickwick Papers.	A. Benson, Simmons-street, Newtown.
27.20 H	Dickens' Tale of Two Cities.	J. A. Boyd, Erskine-street.
27.21 H	Dickens' Uncommercial Traveller.	J. Stoddart, Paddington-street.
27.125, 126 C	Souvenirs of Madame v. le Brun.	G. Delamore, Auburn.
30.51 H	Thackeray's Newcomes.	T. R. W. E. Gilpin, Cumberland-street.
32.195 H	Marryat's Frank Mildmay.	H. L. Bacot, Miller-street, St. Leonards.
33.192-4 H	White's King's Page.	M. Bourke, 204, Bourke-street.
33.195-7 H	Frazer's Kuzzilbash.	J. Duncan, Jones-street, Ultimo.
35.9, 10 H	De Foe's Captain Singleton.	W. Ackland, 33, Goodhope-street, Paddington.
35.28 29 H	Dickens' Mutual Friend.	M. C. Sloan, Grosvenor-terrace.
36.113 H	Stowe's Key to Uncle Tom's Cabin.	J. E. Browne, Park Road, Paddington.
36.166, 167 H	Scott's Kenilworth.	J. Campbell, Shipwrights' Arms, Lower George-street.
36.190, 191 H	Scott's Count Robert of Paris.	W. H. Prideaux, Shipwrights' Arms, Lower George-street.
40.4 B	Ferguson's Popular History of Scotland.	J. L. Hanchett, 5, Hopewell-street, Paddington.
47.53 A	Odling's Lectures on Animal Chemistry.	W. A. Shaw, 201, Macquarie-street.
47.96 D	Juke's New Guinea.	R. J. Orrell, 45, Albion-st.
53.4 H	Gilbert's Original Plays.	R. W. Belford, Hill-street, Leichhardt.
54.61 C	Smith's Speeches of John Bright.	W. Lyons, Church-street, Parramatta.
58.101 B	Griffiths' Chronicles of Newgate. Vol. 2.	J. W. Niesigh, 177, Cumberland-street.

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No.	*Author and Title of Book.*	*Borrowed by*
6.64 G	Milton's Paradise Lost.	J. Mackintosh, 76, Paddington-street, Paddington.
18.1 H	Poe's Works.	H. Valentine, 491, Elizabeth-street S.
18.10 D	Forbes' Fiji.	W. Miller, Campbell-street, Milson's Point.
27.11 H	Dickens' Hard Times.	T. Evans, M'Donald-street, Paddington.
27.12 H	Dickens' Little Dorrit.	H. H. Norton, Simmons-street, Newtown.
27.14 H	Dickens' Old Curiosity Shop.	J. Collins, 74, Cooper-street, Surry Hills.
28.164 D	Whitecross and the Bench.	T. W. Downer, 719, Bourke-street.
32.56 H	Reade's Course of True Love.	C. Bydder, Pyrmont Bridge Road.
33.162-164 H	Cameron's James of the Hill.	E. Vance, Elliott-street, Balmain.
34.33, 34 H	Lover's Legends and Stories of Ireland.	J. B. Bartley, Collinon-street, Pyrmont.
34.43 H	Dumas' Isabel of Bavaria.	T. D. Bottomley, 11, Bourke-street.
34.195 H	Dickens' Nicholas Nickleby.	J. Jewell, 299, Liverpool-street, Woolloomooloo.
34.196, 197 H	Gaskell's North and South.	J. C. Clegg, 28, Young-street, Redfern.
36.145 H	Trollope's Warden.	H. Hawkins, 28, Regent-street, Paddington.
37.20 H	Brontë's Wuthering Heights.	H. Franks, 231, George-street.
49.112 H	Dickens' Speeches: Literary and Social.	J. Cunningham, Ocean-street, Woollahra.
50.188 H	Reynolds' Engine-driving Life.	W. Heathwood, 517, Cleveland-street, Redfern.
51.116 C	Bayne's Browning and Brontë.	H. Rowley, 8, Bowman-street, Chippendale.
51.188 A	Workshop Companion.	W. W. Gilberthorpe, Wellington-street, Balmain.
57.9, 10 H	Blackwood, Tales from.	H. J. Goodman, Jesson-street, Alexandria.
57.98 G	Brown's Barbarossa.	J. Dooley, 86, Brisbane-st.
59.177 H	Ingram's Haunted Homes of Britain.	R. Cain, Pitt-street, Redfern.
71.41 C	Burnaby's Life and Times.	W. E. Lovett, Wynyard Square.

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3.191 H—Hughes' Tom Brown at Oxford. A. M'Affer, Leichhardt.
4.146 H.—Beverley's Romantic Life. J. F. Howes, Garden-st., Waterloo.
7.170 H—Ballantyne's Under the Waves. E. Rose, 31, Clarence-street.
9.163 D—Bird's Sandwich Islands. Miss D. Avenel, G.P.O.
12.84 B—Grant's British Battles. C. Young, Redfern.
13.141 D—Mantell's Many Tales. W. J. Franklin, 366, Riley-street.
14.6 H—Collins' Dead Secret. F. A. Turner, Temora-terrace, Pyrmont-street.
14.112 H—Greenwood's Low Life Depths. H. Bocquet, Ebbey-street, Waverley.
18.38 H—Warburton's Merchant Prince. A. Totterdell, 13, Tudor-street, Surry Hills.
19.9 B—Malleson's French Struggles. J. Jones, 77, Barcom-street.
22.1 D—Stillman's Golden Fleece. W. Whewell, Croydon.
22.172 H—Thackeray's Christmas Books. C. Croft, 92, Denham-street, Glebe.
24.10 A—Krefft's Australian Snakes. C. Grandemange, 23, Market-street.
24.161 H—Yorke's Cottage Homes. W. R. Webster, Crown-street, Surry Hills.
27.1 D—Dickens' American Notes. J. N. Lamont, 317, Crown-street.
27.10 H—Dickens' Great Expectations. T. Thompson, 7, Spring's Buildings, Waverley.
27.14 H—Dickens' Old Curiosity Shop. P. G. Day, Chippendale.
27.16 H—Dickens' Nicholas Nickleby. D. Pringle, 76, Duke-street.
28.90 H—Stephenson's New Arabian Nights. R. Brennan, Renwick-street, Tempe.
29.172, 173 C—Lennox's My Recollections. J. Robb, 5, Olivette-terrace, Darlington.
30.141, 142 A—Andrés Mining Machinery. M. Jackson, 418, George-street.
31.156, 157 H—Radcliffe's Romance of the Forest. T. C. Ashwin, 3, Rennie-street, Paddington.
32.155 H—Carleton's Father Butler G. Steedman, Palace-street, Petersham.
32.177-179 H—Yates' Forlorn Hope. E. Corray, Devonshire-street, Surry Hills.
35.1 H—Carleton's Neal Malone. W. M'Nevin, 67, Foveaux-street.
38.127 H—Aguilar's Vale of Cedars. E. E. Ward, Norton-street, Leichhardt.
42.186 D—Sala's Twice Round the Clock. M. Biddell, Mackenzie-street, Waverley.
43.137 B—Newman's Sketches. J. M'Sweeney, Kent-street.
44.112 D—Bell's Travels in America. W. Shoobert, Marrickville.
47.1½C—Tegg's Napoleon. J. Andrews, 372, Crown-street.
47.171 H—Van Brouwer's Akbar. H. J. Aldrick, Cowper-street, Glebe.
48.100 A—Westropp's Pottery. F. Well, 230, Dowling-st.
49.21 A—Le Pileur's Human Body. D. Davis, 119, Palmer-street.
51.189 B—Longman's Frederick the Great. C. Johnson, 80A, Pitt-street.
53.179 H—Houghton's Evenings at Home. J. Croft, Catherine-street, Leichhardt.
55.169, 170 H—Lytton's The Student. S. Symonds, West-street, St. Leonards.
67.115 C—Jennings' Lord Tennyson. W. Gray, Botany Road.
68.28 G—Greaves' Irish Songs. J. Moore, 10, Thomas-street, Redfern.
60.1 H—Tuer's Quads. W. Squire, North Shore.
69.85 H—Verne's Kerraban. G. Huggard, 62, Palmer-street.
72.133 A—Bach's Singing. R. M. Thomas, Palace Hotel, George-street.

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1.33 H—Stowe's Pink and White Tyranny. C. Leslie, Arthur-street, Moore Park.
2.70 H—Haddon's Book-keeping. F. S. Napthali, Point Piper Road, Woollahra.
3.178 H—Hammerton's Intellectual Life. Miss A. Argles, 31½, Walker-street, Redfern.
4.112 H—Wilson's Tales of the Borders. T. Crampton, Halleybury Cottage, Double Bay.
6.97 H—Andersen's Danish Fairy Tales. D. Loise, Charlotte-lane, Sydney.
9.62 H—Knight's Half-hours with Best Authors. J. Hartley, 45, Bayswater Road.
10.162, 163 H—Dohl's Travels in Canada. S. Norman, 60, Dowling-street, Paddington.
11.175 A—Jones's Evolution of the Human Race. A. Thomas, 604, Harris-street, Ultimo.
12.51 D—Wilkinson's Sunny Lands. T. Mitchell, Hunter's Hill.
13.147 B—Story of Waterloo. O. Kelly, Rose-street, Darlington.
17.103 D—Jerrold's at Home in Paris. A. H. Couldery, "Aubyn," Stanmore.
22.38 A—Youatt's The Horse. A. J. Kent, 53, Lewis-street, Redfern.
25.171 B—Journal of the Plague Year. J. C. Sayers, Victoria Cottage, Edward-street, North Shore.
26.43 H—Beeton's Household Amusements. K. D. Moore, 31, Wigram-street, Forest Lodge.
26.58 C—Celebrated Men. W. H. Jeffreys, 2, Brent-street, Balmain.
26.189, 190 C—Alger's Life of E. Forest. H. Cooke, 129, Liverpool-street, Sydney.
27.76 H—Benjamin's Wrinkles and Recipes. G. Mathieson, 36, Wells-street, Redfern.
27.77 C—Life of Barnum. S. Hornby, Survey Office.
27.80 D—Barnard's Three Years' Cruise. R. O'Neill, 21, Little West-street, Darlinghurst.
29.122 A—Arnold's Dairying. J. Sherrington, 2, Denison-street, Woollahra.
30.86, 87 H—Thackeray's Pendennis. Miss E. Williams, Trafalgar-terrace, Petersham.
32.133-135 H—Martineau's Romance. J. Waus, 23, Botany-street.
32.166-168 H—Ollier's Ferrers. H. Stewart, 594, Kent-st.
33.169-171 H—Tabor's Janita's Cross. W. Harvey, Andreas-street, Petersham.
40.168-170 G—Swift's Works. J. Sheideaux, 441, Bourke-street.
41.140 A—Gore's Electro-deposition. R. Gibson, St. Aubyn's Terrace, North Shore.
41.157 F—Parker's Collected Works. G. Shaw, 65, Pitt-st.
45.152 A—Miller's Lockwood's Price-book. E. Phillips, 50, Macquarie-street South.
45.157 A—Anderson's Persia. A. Roy, 208, Pitt-street.
47.2 B—Keightley's Mythology. T. Mozzal, 7, Erskineville Road.
48.96 G—Kendall's Leaves from Australian Forests. C. Hungerford, 146, Phillip-street.
52.180 H—Thackeray's Four Georges. R. M'Grath, 114, Dowling-street.
57.87 G—Bell's British Theatre. J. G. Neale, Cannon Grove, Hurstville.
58.117 D—Knox's Boy Traveller. B. O'Neill, 35, Barcom-street, Darlinghurst.
71.124 B—Davitt's Prison Diary. J. Molloy, 32, Princes-st.
73.102 H—Harris' Coaching Age. R. Logan, Pitt-street, Redfern.
73.184 C—Pycroft's Oxford Memories. J. A. Howison, 441, Darling-street, Ultimo.

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8.148 F—Hughes' Economy of Thought. J. J. Golden, 14, Bennett-street, Moore Park.
10.148 H—Hughes' Tom Brown's School Days. E. Goodwin, 83, College-street, Camperdown.
13.81 A—Dolbear's The Telephone. H. Hendy-Pooley, 60, Macleay-street, Potts Point.
13.188 D—Drayson's Han's Sterk. Mrs. E. Kensit, Gerald-street, Marrickville.
16.76 H—Haliburton's Attaché. J. Johnson, 119, Victoria-street, Darlinghurst.
18.76 G—Milton's Poetical Works. C. J. Smith, 101, Bourke-street, Woolloomooloo.
18.167 D—Jackson's Sketches in the Sweet South. A. Scott-broad, St. Mary's Terrace, Woolloomooloo.
20.7 D—Prime's Around the World. H. G. Flint, 98, Dowling-street, Surry Hills.
22.174 B—Wilson's Cleopatra's Needle. A. Hartley, University-street, Camperdown.
23.49 D—Tilley's Japan, the Ameer, &c. Miss A. Wray, 301, Darlington Road.

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No.	*Author and Title of Book.*	*Borrowed by*
24.137	C—Gardiner, Story of.	Mrs. S. Burne, 53, Douglas-street, Redfern.
27.3	H—Dickens' Bleak House.	H. La Grange, 175, William-street, City.
28.151	B—Schmitz's Ancient History.	P. Lyons, Carrington Road, Waverley.
30.24	B—Thackeray's Christmas Books.	C. Hammond, 90, Paddington-street, Paddington.
33.166–168	H—Smith's Jane Lomax.	J. Eager, 4, Elizabeth Square, Paddington.
37.107	H—Christie's Love Story.	E. B. Pearson, 71, York-street, City.
44.124	H—Simpson's Prophecies in the Old and New Testaments.	J. M. Foggan, 17, Wilson-street, Newtown.
45.150	D—Vijn's Cetshwayo's Dutchman.	J. Moran, "Queensland Hotel," Erskine-street.
45.151	H—Melville's Market Harborough.	J. Doherty, Brown-street, Camperdown.
48.103	B—Croker's History of the Guillotine.	L. H. Reddall, 21, Brisbane-street.
50.83	H—Franc's Golden Gifts.	T. FitzPatrick, Ross-street, Parramatta.
50.147	F—Talmage's Masque torn off.	J. Burrows, Unwin's Bridge Road, Marrickville.
52.142	A—Farran's Human Voice.	L. H. Bond, 34, Holt-street, Surry Hills.
53.77	H—Paddock's Fate of Madame la Tour.	W. M'Lachlan, 9, Denison-street, Woollahra.
56.129	D—Warren's Life on the Nile.	C. E. Cutlen, 141, Pitt-street, City.
57.89	G—Hill's Zara.	A. Hirst, Sandringham Road.
57.136–138	H—Rowney's Young Zemindar.	M. Montgomery, 166, Surry-street, Darlinghurst.
60.123	A—Phillips' Explorers' Companion.	D. Stansfield, Bathurst-street, City.
75.171	A—Murray's Marine Engines.	J. Boyd, "Bayview," M'Mahon's Point.

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No.	*Author and Title of Book.*	*Borrowed by*
1.60	D—Clemens' New Pilgrim's Progress.	H. Baker, Little West-street, Darlinghurst.
1.88	D—Trollope's New South Wales and Queensland.	P. W. Riley, Alfred-street, St. Leonards.
1.132	C—Carlyle's Sartor Resartus.	D. Bell, Cumberland-street.
3.111	H—Benson's Remarkable Trials.	A. Fencher, Marrickville.
4.90	D—Irving's Astoria.	F. Smith, Kent-street.
5.22	C—Strickland's Life of Mary Queen of Scots.	J. Hale, Palmer-street.
6.33	H—Grimm's Fairy Tales.	Mrs. H. E. Broughton, Victoria-street, Darlinghurst.
8.70	H—Chambers' Miscellany.	A. Higham, Cowper-street, Waverley.
9.13	E—Carey's Past, Present, and Future.	J. O. M'Namara, Drummoyne.
13.152	H—Poe's Tales of Mystery.	S. L. Wallace, George-street.
14.90	G—Shakespeare's Dramatic Works.	P. L. Wedd, Copeland-street, Alexandria.
15.60	H—Half-hours with French Authors.	G. R. L. Cork, Albert-street, Petersham.
16.95	H—Lytton's Strange Story.	C. Leslie, Edith-street, Leichhardt.
16.126	H—Thackeray's Kickleburys on the Rhine.	G. R. Lee, Neutral Bay.
17.1	D—Story's Roba di Roma.	J. Green, Australian Club.
17.42	H—Haliburton's Sam Slick's Wise Saws.	J. E. Allely, Manly Beach.
20.178	F—Johnson's Willing Hearts.	W. Dickenson, Cook's River Road, Tempe.
23.143	B—Lee's Sketches of the Reformation.	G. R. F. Nobbs, Phillip-street.
24.104	H—Hopewell's Legends of the Missouri.	A. Aloo, Redfern.
26.98	D—Pictures of Travel.	G. Pitts, Jamieson-street.
27.56	H—Scott's Fortunes of Nigel.	T. O. Kelsey, George-street.
27.68	A—Ingliss' Book-keeping.	Mrs. E. A. Ross, Illawarra Road, Marrickville.
27.188	D—Baker's Perso-Turkoman Frontier.	J. Auld, Davies-street, Surry Hills.
28.104	A—Parson's Vital Magnetism.	G. Shepherd, Kent-street.
30.25	H—Thackeray's Henry Esmond.	J. P. Bradley, Lyndhurst-street, Glebe.
30.85	H—Thackeray's Vanity Fair.	J. Currie, Goodsir-street, Balmain.
30.86, 87	H—Thackeray's Pendennis.	J. C. Gill, Fairfield.
32.94	H—Lytton's Falkland and Zicci.	J. Haywood, Forest Lodge.
33.76–78	H—Bird's Hawks of Hawk Hollow.	J. Wilkinson, Murray-street, Pyrmont.
33.126, 127	H—Melville's Holomby House.	B. Pike, Broughton-street, Paddington.
34.19, 20	H—Lytton's My Novel.	G. W. Francis, Edinburgh Road, Marrickville.
34.35	H—Lytton's Leila, &c.	J. J. Green, Jones-street, Ultimo.
36.57	H—Stowe's Tales of New England Life.	C. H. P. Lane, Ebley-street, Waverley.
36.132, 133	H—Thackeray's Virginians.	J. F. Kosten, Campbell-street, Paddington.
37.21	H—Kingsley's Yeast.	C. Newland, Albion-street, Annandale.
37.25	H—Lytton's Zanoni.	H. P. Burt, Rowntree-street, Balmain.
37.25	H—Lytton's Zanoni.	Mrs. S. L. M'Ternan, Darlinghurst.
37.194	H—Macdonald's Orts.	G. Sherring, Woodville Road, Guildford.
38.31	B—Mann's Zulus and Boers.	F. Brakkel, Manly.
40.96	A—Buckton's Town and Window Gardening.	A. Buchanan, Harris-street, Pyrmont.
42.193	D—Gillmore's Travel, War, and Shipwreck.	G. Poole, Rose-street.
45.45	G—Tennyson's Poetical Works.	J. Morgan, Crown Road, Ultimo.
45.131	H—Beaconsfield's Vivian Grey.	J. Currie, Brickhill, Balmain.
46.31	C—Collins' Helena Modjeska.	W. C. Danne, Spring-street, Arncliffe.
48.157	H—Disraeli's Amenities.	T. A. Fitzroy, Woolloomooloo-street.
49.28	A—Armitage's Lectures on Painting.	A. W. March, Albion-street, Paddington.
49.115	H—Dickens' Mudtog Papers.	W. Wardell, Clayton-street, Balmain.
51.140	C—Chapman's Notable Women.	Miss G. Casey, King-street.
52.180	H—Thackeray's Four Georges.	W. H. Peters, Rosebank-street, Darlinghurst.
53.55	H—Arrom's Bird of Truth.	M. F. Albert, Enmore Road.
55.179	H—Simcox's Episodes in the Lives of Men.	C. Brack, Woolloomooloo-street.
56.9	H—Nicholson's Adventures of Halek.	F. W. Bastian, Wentworth Park Road.
57.78	G—Jones' Earl of Essex.	P. O'Doherty, Mary-street, Newtown.
58.165, 166	D—Grey's Journal in New South Wales, &c.	H Best, Day-street, Drummoyne.
63.196	C—Durand's Napoleon and Marie Louise.	H. M. Webb, Spring-street, Waverley.
65.13	B—Bryce's Canadian People.	W. M. Foote, Bligh-st.
68.86	C—Adams' Celebrated Englishmen.	E. Vaughan, Botany-street, Redfern.
70.104	A—Sachs' Sleight of Hand.	E. Clark, Newtown.
72.69	D—Bayly's Sea Life.	C. Wilkins, Gipps-street.
74.162	C—Irving's English Actors.	Miss Robinson, Elizabeth Bay.
77.19	D—O'Rell's Jonathan and his Continent.	H. Berthon, Macquarie-street.

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SYDNEY FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

(REPORT FROM TRUSTEES FOR 1893.)

Presented to Parliament by Command.

The Trustees of the Free Public Library to The Minister of Public Instruction.

Sir, Sydney, 14 March, 1894.

I have the honor to transmit to you the Report of the Trustees of the Free Public Library for 1893, being the Twenty-third Annual Report.

2. On 31st August Mr. Robert Cooper Walker, Principal Librarian and Secretary to the Board, retired under the provisions of the Civil Service Act of 1884, after having held office for twenty-four years, and at a meeting held on 13th September the following resolution, concurred in by every member of the Board, was passed:—"The Trustees of the Free Public Library desire to record their sense of the great loss sustained by the Institution through the retirement of Mr. Robert Cooper Walker from the office of Principal Librarian, held by him with great credit to himself for the last twenty-four years, during which period the Library has grown under his fostering care from comparative insignificance to the high position which it has attained. And they cordially wish him the prolonged enjoyment of the leisure which he has earned by his continuous and intelligent industry in the performance of the duties appertaining to his office." Mr. Henry Charles Lennox Anderson, M.A., having been appointed as Mr. Walker's successor, took charge of the Library on 1st September.

3. On 7th October Mr. Walker was gazetted as a Trustee of the Library.

4. On 30th November Mr. David Weir, Registrar for Country Libraries, retired under the provisions of the Civil Service Act of 1884, after thirteen years' faithful service. By rearrangement of the duties of some of the staff, with the view of retrenchment, a saving of £157 per annum has been effected.

5. During the year 4,143 volumes have been added to the general collection, raising the total number to 101,340. The number transferred, worn out, or lost, and deducted from the stock, was—Reference Library, 5; Lending Branch, 138. Details of the classification are given in Appendix A.

6. Appendix B shows the number of visits to have been 216,089, being an increase of 18,834 over the previous year. The Reference Library was open for 358 days, and the Lending Branch for 343, including Sundays.

7. The applications for boxes of books issued to Country Libraries and Schools of Art are steadily increasing, and it has therefore been found necessary to equip three new boxes, making a total of sixty-six now available for distribution. During the year, 136 boxes, containing 10,612 volumes, were thus lent to seventy-four Country Libraries. Full details are given in Appendix E.

8. In Appendix C will be found details of the classes of books borrowed from the Lending Branch, showing for each class—*(a)* the number of volumes available, *(b)* the number issued, *(c)* the daily average of volumes issued. The number of tickets issued was 5,310, against 5,202 for the previous year, and the number of volumes borrowed 75,869, against 70,649 for 1892. 9.

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9. In Appendix D some figures are given to show to what extent and in what direction the public avail themselves of the resources of the Library on Sundays.

10. Appendix G contains a list of donations, comprising 1,061 volumes and pamphlets of the value of £230; ninety-six, of the value of £65, have also been received under the Copyright Act.

11. In consequence of the crowded state of the Reading Rooms it has been found advisable to remove all newspapers and illustrated periodicals from No. 2 Reading Room, and to fit up and set apart the Northern Gallery of the Lending Branch as a Newspaper Room, where all the newspapers published in New South Wales, the leading daily and weekly papers of the other Australasian Colonies, and a few of the most popular British and American illustrated papers, will be made available for the general public. It is hoped that by this means readers of periodicals will be attracted from the Reference Library, and more room will be available for students.

12. The late Principal Librarian closed his official career with the issue of a fitting memorial in the shape of an Australasian Bibliography, a quarto volume of 1,255 pages, compiled in three parts—I, A Complete List of Authors, &c., with full title; II, Authors of Books relating to Australasia, arranged by Colonies; III, A Complete Classified Subject and Title Catalogue, with a General Index to the subjects. This Catalogue of nearly 8,000 Australasian books and pamphlets has been brought down to the year 1888 (the centennial year of the Colony) since which time 5,000 more have been received, and will be included in a Supplementary Catalogue as soon as the other heavy work of the small cataloguing staff will permit.

13. The General Subject and Author Catalogue of all the books in the Library up to the end of 1887 is now in type, and will make a volume of about 800 pages, and will probably be issued before the close of the present year. In the meanwhile a Supplementary Catalogue for each of the last six years will be prepared and issued as early as possible. The work of classifying the general Catalogue for 1887 has also been carried on, together with the main Catalogue, and Classes A, B, and C, with complete indexes, are now available.

14. The Librarian of the Lending Branch—Mr. Cullen—has kept the Catalogue of that branch well up to date, the Supplement for 1893 being now ready for issue.

15. I am gratified to be able to report that the staff of the Library perform their duties zealously and efficiently, and that the juniors show praiseworthy diligence in studying, with the view of making themselves fit for higher duties.

I have, &c.,

JAMES NORTON,

President.

APPENDIX A.

Number of Volumes in the Free Public Library on the 31st December, 1893.

Synopsis of Classification.	Reference Department.		Lending Branch.		For Country Libraries.		Total.
	Added 1893.	Total.	Added 1893.	Total.	Added 1893.	Total.	
Natural Philosophy, Science and the Arts	579	8,714	121	3,498	12	907	13,119
History, Chronology, Antiquities, and Mythology	173	6,452	108	3,086	.....	1,112	10,650
Biography and Correspondence	166	4,605	89	3,645	.....	1,385	9,635
Geography, Topography, Voyages and Travels, &c.	215	6,674	70	3,233	.....	951	10,858
Periodical and Serial Literature	1,103	19,830	.....	.....	.....	.....	19,830
Jurisprudence	369	4,553	26	938	.....	108	5,599
Theology, Moral and Mental Philosophy, and Education	142	4,202	37	1,345	.....	149	5,696
Poetry and Drama	99	2,484	41	795	.....	124	3,403
Miscellaneous Literature and Collected Works	186	5,474	251	5,462*	.....	401	11,337
Works of Reference and Philology	90	4,635	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,635
Duplicates and unbound Volumes	168	2,118	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,118
Pamphlets	98	3,870	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,870
Books for the Blind	.....	.....	.....	598	.....	.....	598
Total Number of Volumes	.....	73,611	.....	22,600	.....	5,137	101348
Total added during 1893	3,388	.....	743	.....	12	.....	4,143

Books transferred, worn out, or lost during the year, deducted from the stock:—Reference Library, 5; Lending Branch, 138.

* Including 2,576 vols. of Prose Fiction.

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APPENDIX B.

NUMBER and AVERAGE of VISITS of READERS to the LIBRARY, the NUMBER of DAYS on which the LIBRARY was OPEN to the PUBLIC, and the AVERAGE NUMBER of VOLUMES USED on SUNDAYS and on WEEK-DAYS from 1st January to 31st December, 1893.

Number of VISITS for the year—

To the Reference Library	151,004
To the Lending Branch	65,085
Total	216,089

Total Visits to the Reference Library on Week-days	144,151	On Sundays ...	6,853
Total Visits to the Lending Branch on Week-days	61,819	On Sundays ...	3,266
Daily average of Visits to the Reference Library on Week-days	471	On Sundays ...	132
Daily average of Visits to the Lending Branch on Week-days	210	On Sundays ...	66

Total number of Days that the REFERENCE LIBRARY was open (including Sundays)	358
Total number of Days that the LENDING BRANCH was open (including Sundays)	343

Average number of VOLUMES used on SUNDAYS—

Reference Library (from 2 to 6 o'clock p.m.)	142
Lending Branch (from 2 to 6 o'clock p.m.)	76
Total	218

Average number of VOLUMES used on WEEK-DAYS—

Reference Library (from 10 o'clock a.m. to 10 o'clock p.m.)	942
Lending Branch (from 10 o'clock a.m. to 9 o'clock p.m.)	245
Total	1,187

Summary of VISITS to the Library, 1869–1893 :—

1869 (three months—1 Oct. to 31 Dec.)	17,006	1882 (eleven months)	133,731
1870	59,786	1883	155,431
1871	60,165	1884 (eleven months)	161,877
1872	48,817	1885	165,715
1873	76,659	1886	168,685
1874 (eleven months)	57,962	1887 (closed three months for moving)	139,203
1875	66,900	1888	149,425
1876	72,724	1889	132,983
1877 (Lending Branch first opened)	124,688	1890	155,822
1878	117,047	1891	173,205
1879 (Exhibition open)	152,036	1892	197,255
1880	134,462	1893	216,089
1881	136,272		

APPENDIX C.

CLASSES of BOOKS BORROWED from the LENDING BRANCH of the FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY, SYDNEY, from 1st January to 31st December, 1893.

No. of days open.	No. of Tickets issued to Borrowers.	No. of Borrowers' visits.	Synopsis of Classification of Reading.	No. of Volumes available.	No. of Volumes issued.	Daily average of Vols. issued, including Sundays.
343	5,310	65,085	Natural Philosophy, Science and the Arts	3,498	8,833	25·752
			History, Chronology, Antiquities, and Mythology	3,086	7,730	22·536
			Biography and Correspondence	3,645	7,129	20·784
			Geography, Topography, Voyages and Travels	3,233	11,727	34·190
			Jurisprudence	938	1,624	4·735
			Mental and Moral Philosophy, &c.	1,345	2,675	7·799
			Poetry and Drama	795	2,113	6·160
			Miscellaneous Literature	2,886	13,732	40·035
			Prose Works of Fiction	2,576	20,306	59·201
			Total	22,002	75,869	221·192

APPENDIX D.

CLASSES of BOOKS READ, the NUMBER of VOLUMES USED, and the NUMBER of VISITS to the LIBRARIES on SUNDAYS during the year 1893.

No. of Sundays open.	No. of Visits.	Daily average of Visits.		No. of Volumes available.	No. of Volumes used.	Daily average of Vols. used on Sundays.
			REFERENCE LIBRARY.			
52	6,853	132	Natural Philosophy, Science, and the Arts	8,714	951	18·288
			History, Chronology, Antiquities, and Mythology	6,452	646	12·423
			Biography and Correspondence	4,605	675	13·000
			Geography, Topography, Voyages and Travels, &c.	6,674	896	17·242
			Periodical and Serial Literature	19,830	1,404	27·000
			Jurisprudence	4,553	348	6·692
			Theology, Moral and Mental Philosophy, and Education	4,202	167	3·209
			Poetry and Drama	2,484	458	8·807
			Miscellaneous Literature and Collected Works	5,474	1,279	24·570
			Works of Reference and Philology	4,635	584	11·230
			Total	67,623	7,408	142·461
			LENDING BRANCH.			
49	3,266	66	Natural Philosophy, Science, and the Arts	3,498	455	9·286
			History, Chronology, Antiquities, and Mythology	3,086	324	6·612
			Biography and Correspondence	3,645	303	6·184
			Geography, Topography, Voyages and Travels	3,233	653	13·326
			Jurisprudence	938	102	2·082
			Mental and Moral Philosophy, &c.	1,345	124	2·530
			Poetry and Drama	795	114	2·326
			Miscellaneous Literature	2,886	691	14·102
			Prose Works of Fiction	2,576	967	19·735
			Total	22,002	3,733	76·183

APPENDIX E.

NUMBER of BOXES of BOOKS BORROWED from the FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY, SYDNEY, by COUNTRY LIBRARIES, with NUMBER OF VOLS. ISSUED during the year 1893.

Town.	Institution.	No. of Boxes borrowed.	No. of Vols. issued.	Town.	Institution.	No. of Boxes borrowed.	No. of Vols. issued.
Auburn	Literary Institute	1	61	Moss Vale	School of Arts	3	209
Ballina	School of Arts	2	146	Mullumbimby	School of Arts	1	60
Berrima	School of Arts	2	168	Newcastle	School of Arts	3	222
Berry	School of Arts	2	163	New Lambton	School of Arts	3	212
Bowral	School of Arts	2	181	North Ryde	School of Arts	1	89
Broadmeadow	School of Arts	1	70	Nowra	School of Arts	2	176
Broken Hill	School of Arts	1	82	Orange	School of Arts	1	58
Byron Bay	School of Arts	1	62	Parramatta	School of Arts	2	118
Cardiff	School of Arts	2	138	Plattsburg	Mechanics' Institute	2	166
Coolamon	School of Arts	2	140	Port Macquarie	School of Arts	1	80
Cooma	School of Arts	2	176	Queanbeyan	School of Arts	2	189
Copeland	School of Arts	2	156	Richmond	School of Arts	2	129
Coraki	School of Arts	2	166	St. Mary's	Mechanics' Institute	2	149
Corowa	School of Arts	4	276	South Grafton	School of Arts	2	177
Dungog	School of Arts	3	247	South Woodburn	School of Arts	1	85
Galston	School of Arts	2	186	Stockton	School of Arts	3	230
Gosford	School of Arts	1	63	Tambar Springs	School of Arts	1	90
Goulburn	Mechanics' Institute	3	244	Tamworth	Mechanics' Institute	2	172
Grafton	School of Arts	1	77	Taree	School of Arts	2	169
Granville	School of Arts	3	227	Tenterfield	School of Arts	2	157
Grenfell	Free Public Library	2	158	Teralba	School of Arts	2	174
Gresford	School of Arts	1	87	Thornleigh	School of Arts	2	149
Greta	School of Arts	2	132	Tweed Heads	School of Arts	2	147
Gundagai	Literary Institute	2	175	Ulmarra	School of Arts	2	180
Gunnedah	School of Arts	1	62	Walcha	School of Arts	1	85
Hamilton	Mechanics' Institute	1	87	Wallsend	School of Arts	1	77
Harden	Mechanics' Institute	2	153	Waratah	School of Arts	3	245
Hillgrove	School of Arts	1	65	Waterloo	School of Arts	1	80
Hornsby Junction	School of Arts	2	176	Wellington	Free Public Library	2	179
Islington	Mechanics' Institute	2	159	West Wallsend	School of Arts	3	233
Jerilderie	School of Arts	2	152	Wickham	School of Arts	2	164
Junee	School of Arts	1	80	Wilcannia	Athenæum	2	174
Kangaroo Valley	School of Arts	1	89	Wolumla	School of Arts	1	89
Laurieton	School of Arts	3	208	Woonoona	School of Arts	2	129
Lilyfield	Mechanics' Institute	1	58	Yalwal	School of Arts	1	89
Lithgow	School of Arts	2	147	Yamba	School of Arts	1	60
Manilla	School of Arts	3	247				
Mittagong	School of Arts	2	166		Total	136	10,612

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APPENDIX G.

LIST of Donations during the year, received from the following:—

Adelaide University. Calendar for 1893.
Agent-General for New South Wales. Colonial Office List, 1893.
Foreign Office List, 1893.
Angus and Robertson. Table Talk; or, Original Essays on Men and Manners; by W. Hazlitt.
Astley, W. The Fencer's Manual; by R. Meikle.
Menu Card, Banquet to Members of National Convention, March, 1891.
Australian Museum. Records of. Vol. 2, Nos. 4 and 5.
Catalogue of Australian Mammals; by J. D. Ogilby.
Colored Plates of Eggs.
Australian Lepidoptera, &c.; by A. W. Scott. Vol. 2, Part 4.
Catalogue of the Marine Shells of Australia and Tasmania. Part 3.
Report of Trustees for 1892.
Australasian Association for the Advancement of Science. Report of Hobart Meeting, January, 1892.
Author. Glance of Life, and other Poems; by G.F.W.
Author. Want of Lucidity, &c.; by E.W.Y.
Ballarat Cemetery Trust. Chairman's Report and Statistics, 1892.
Bishop of Grafton and Armidale. The Christian Year.
Brockett's Glossary of North Country Words.
Fasti Eboracenses; by Rev. W. H. Dixon. Vol. 1.
Board for International Exchanges, Sydney. British Guiana: Report of Poor Law Commissioners, 1891–92.
Transactions of the Royal Geographical Society of Australasia (Victorian Branch). Vol. 10.
Translation of Papers relating to the International Conference for Exchanges, held at Brussels, 1883.
Société de Géographie, Comptes Rendus des Séances, et Bulletin, 1892–93.
Journal Mensuel de l'Académie Nationale, Paris, 1893.
La Correction des Torrents en Suisse.
Boston Public Library Report.
Chicago; von E. Reyer.
Calendar of the University of Sydney, 1893.
Tableau de Diverses Vitesses, &c.; par J. Jackson.
Education of the Deaf, &c.; by J. C. Gordon.
Statuts et Privilèges des Universités Françaises; par M. Fournier. Tome 3.
Bibliothèque des Ecoles Françaises d'Athènes et de Rome. Fascicules 56, 62, 63.
La Science des Religions, et les Religions de l'Inde; par Sylvain Lévi.
Estadistica Escolar de la Republica Oriental del Uruguay, 1890–91.
Evolution of the Colors of North American Land Birds; by C. A. Keeler.
Mount Morgan Gold Mine, Queensland. Mine Works and Treatment, &c.; by F. W. Sykes.
Agricultural Gazette of New South Wales. Vol. 4.
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THE PUBLIC LIBRARY OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

(REPORT FROM TRUSTEES FOR 1895.)

Printed under No. 1 *Report from Printing Committee*, 21 *May*, 1896.

The Trustees of the Public Library of New South Wales to The Minister for Public Instruction.

Sir, Sydney, 12 February, 1896.

The Trustees have the honor to submit their Report for the year 1895, being the Twenty-fifth Annual Report.

1. The name of the Institution has been altered, with the authority of the Executive Council, to "The Public Library of New South Wales," in order to indicate more exactly the scope of the Library's operations, and its national character. Good results are confidently expected in the matter of valuable exchanges and donations from foreign countries.

2. There have been eleven meetings of the Board during the year, the average attendance of Trustees being 6.

3. The general collection of books has been increased by 8,902 volumes, and there have been struck off the Reference Library stock 2,029 pamphlets and duplicates of no value, and from the Lending Branch stock 159 volumes worn out or lost, leaving the total number of volumes now in the Library at 110,611, details of the classification of which are given in Appendix A.

4. The Reference Library was open for 355 days, and the attendance rose from 131,531 in 1894 to 156,388 in 1895. The Lending Branch was open for 342 days, and the individual visits increased from 77,568 to 80,782. The accommodation of the Newspaper Room has been taxed to the utmost, and the attendance has risen from 121,332 (for ten and a half months) to 171,894. Full particulars are given in Appendix B.

5. In the Lending Branch the number of borrowers has risen from 5,986 to 6,150, and the number of volumes borrowed from 89,217 to 90,820. Appendix C comprises details of the classes of books borrowed, showing for each class—(*a*) The number of volumes available, (*b*) the number issued, (*c*) the daily average of volumes issued, (*d*) the ratio between volumes and issues.

From these figures it will be seen that fiction comprises only 11·33 per cent. of the volumes in the Lending Branch and 29·2 per cent. of the total issues; and that on an average each volume of fiction is borrowed 9·5 times during the year. These figures are interesting in view of the fact that in most of the popular Libraries in Great Britain and America the works of fiction comprise from 40 to 80 per cent. of the volumes contained in them, and often as high as 80 to 90 per cent. of the total issues. The comparative lowness of the foregoing figures is due to the fact that the Trustees have exercised special care in the selection of works of fiction, admitting only those of the best authors, and generally excluding

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excluding current novels and those of merely ephemeral interest. Readers borrowing from the Lending Branch are of a superior class, and can fully appreciate the works of such authors as Scott, Lytton, Thackeray, Dickens, and George Eliot.

6. Some figures are given in Appendix D to show to what extent and in what directions the public avail themselves of the contents of the Library on Sundays.

7. The number of Country Libraries applying for the loan of boxes of books has increased from 84 to 91; and 164 boxes, containing 12,893 volumes, have been sent out, as against 155 boxes, with 12,380 volumes, in 1894. The number of boxes available is 72, containing 5,948 volumes, and, as applicants are much more numerous than the boxes, it unfortunately happens that a good deal of delay necessarily occurs in supplying the demands of Libraries in country districts. It may be mentioned that the Trustees have expended over £4,200 already in connection with the supply of books to such Libraries. During the year 272 old and comparatively uninteresting books were removed from the boxes and replaced by 402 new and valuable works. The Trustees are well satisfied with the results of this branch of their educational work, which is fully appreciated by the 91 Schools of Arts, Municipal Libraries, and Free Public Libraries which are thus supplied with a class of literature not usually found on the shelves of young Libraries. Full details are given in Appendix E.

8. The donations for 1895 comprise 1,449 volumes and pamphlets, of the value of £171 15s., as well as 65 newspapers from the other Australasian Colonies and Great Britain, presented to the Newspaper Room. Appendix G contains the names of the principal donors. Under the Copyright Act, 203 volumes and pamphlets of the value of £35 11s. 6d. have been received, and also 253 newspapers and periodicals published in New South Wales.

9. The Newspaper Room is now supplied with 340 newspapers from the Australasian Colonies, Great Britain, United States, South Africa, and Japan, and is daily thronged by respectable men, principally of the working classes. The accommodation is quite inadequate for the numbers who wish to refer to the papers, and many are often unable to gain admission. The building is very uncomfortable, being more like a large oven than a library reading room. The temperature during the past year has ranged from 42° to 108° F., the maximum for the past month ranging between 81° and 108° F., and the average being 92·6° F. If a suitable building for the Lending Library and the Newspaper Room could be secured in a central part of the city, the usefulness of the Institution and the comfort of the readers and the officers would be largely increased.

10. The usefulness of the Library has been extended by the loan of special boxes of books to circles of students in country districts, more especially to those attending University Extension Courses of Lectures. A selection of the best text-books to illustrate courses of lectures on Darwinism, Elizabethan Literature, Teachers of Modern Thought, and The British Empire, has been made, and they have been lent to groups of students at Goulburn, Nowra, Camden, Cootamundra, Junee, Tamworth, Berry, and East Maitland. A selection of valuable text-books on Astronomy and Geology has been made for the use of a class of private students at Young Wallsend. A number of individual students throughout the country, who are studying for University examinations or pursuing special lines of research, under the disadvantages incidental to isolation in country districts, have been assisted with the loan of parcels of books, whenever practicable.

11. Satisfactory progress has been made with the preparation and publication of catalogues. The General Author Catalogue (1869–1887) after being set up by the staff of this Library has been printed by the Government Printer, and forms a large volume of 833 quarto pages. The Supplement for the years 1888–1892 has been issued in a volume of 250 quarto pages. All the books received in 1895 have been catalogued and the titles printed on slips, which are cut up and pasted into a current catalogue, as promptly as possible, so that the whole of the books received up to December, 1895, are now in printed catalogues available to the public. The index of the books received during 1893–1895 has been kept up to date. The staff is now occupied with a general Dictionary Index for the main Author Catalogue of 1869–1887 and the Supplement 1888–1892, and this index will be ready for the Printer in another

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another year. To expedite this very important and urgent work, a qualified gentleman was specially engaged for one year from October 14ht, 1895. A Guide to the catalogues of the Library has also been issued, giving all the classes, sub-classes, and sections (about 5,000) now used in classifying and indexing the books for the General Dictionary Index, and showing by cross-references how the sections are related to each other, and to the sub-classes. By means of this Guide the whole of the Cataloguing Staff are enabled to work on a common plan without confusion or loss of time, and Students can find at once what sections of literature are represented in the Library. The Supplementary Catalogue of the Lending Branch for 1895 is now in the Printer's hands.

12. The classes instituted by the Principal Librarian for the instruction of the Junior Officers, and held on two afternoons in each week, have been attended by ten of the assistants and attendants, and the results have been very satisfactory, as evinced by increased intelligence and determination to fit themselves for higher duties. The officers on the staff are generally efficient in their respective duties, and show a commendable desire to learn the higher branches of Library work.

13. The whole of the necessary binding has been done by the Government Printer, in a style quite equal to that previously received from London, and with no increase of cost.

14. At the instance of the Melbourne Public Library steps have been taken to form a Library Association of Australasia, which may be expected to advance the usefulness of Libraries throughout the Colonies. The Trustees have consented to allow this Library to be represented at the preliminary Conference to be held in Melbourne on 14th April, 1896.

15. *Expenditure for* 1895.

From the Parliamentary Votes for the half-year ending June 30th, 1895 (£4,231), *and the current financial year ending June 30th,* 1896 (£7,490).

	£
Salaries—Reference Library and Country Exchanges...	3,145
,, Lending Branch	1,371
,, Newspaper Room	145
Books, periodicals, and binding	2,754
Incidentals—including insurance, cleaning, freight, book-shelves, repairs, and wages of special constable	974
	£8,389

JAMES NORTON,
President.

APPENDIX A.

NUMBER of VOLUMES in the PUBLIC LIBRARY OF NEW SOUTH WALES on the 31st December, 1895.

Synopsis of Classification.	Reference Department.		Lending Branch.		For Country Libraries.		Total.
	Added 1895.	Total.	Added 1895.	Total.	Added 1895.	Total.	
Natural Philosophy, Science and the Arts	929	10,119	194	4,040	92	1,353	15,512
History, Chronology, Antiquities, and Mythology	487	7,056	192	3,440	50	1,128	11,624
Biography and Correspondence	285	5,033	171	4,002	41	1,397	10,432
Geography, Topography, Voyages and Travels	453	7,145	174	3,573	81	1,108	11,826
Periodical and Serial Literature	2,693	24,130	.....	.....	10	19	24,149
Jurisprudence, Political and Social Economy	601	5,317	81	1,124	53	190	6,631
Theology, Moral and Mental Philosophy, and Education	386	4,818	75	1,479	16	174	6,471
Poetry and Drama	185	2,777	48	916	4	127	3,820
General Literature, Philology, and Collected Works	508	6,163	406	6,018*	52	449	12,630
Works of Reference	119	4,838	.....	.....	3	3	4,841
Duplicates	513	2,675	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,675
Total added during 1895	7,159	.....	1,341	.....	402	.....	8,902
Total Number of Volumes	.....	80,071	.....	24,592	.....	5,948	110611

Books worn out, or lost during the year, deducted from the stock. Reference Library :—Pamphlets, 2,029 ; Lending Branch, 159.

* Including 2,787 vols. of Prose Fiction.

APPENDIX B.

NUMBER and AVERAGE of VISITS of READERS to the LIBRARY, the NUMBER of DAYS on which the LIBRARY was OPEN to the PUBLIC, and the AVERAGE NUMBER of VOLUMES USED on SUNDAYS and on WEEK-DAYS from 1st January to 31st December, 1895.

Number of VISITS for the year—

To the Reference Library	156,388
To the Lending Branch	80,782
To the Newspaper Room	171,894
Total	409,064

Total Visits to the Reference Library on Week-days	149,620	On Sundays ...	6,768
Total Visits to the Lending Branch on Week-days	76,656	On Sundays ...	4,126
Daily average of Visits to the Reference Library on Week-days	492	On Sundays ...	133
Daily average of Visits to the Lending Branch on Week-days...	261	On Sundays ...	86

Total number of Days that the REFERENCE LIBRARY was open (including 51 Sundays) ...	355
Total number of Days that the LENDING BRANCH was open (including 49 Sundays)	342

Average number of VOLUMES used on SUNDAYS—

Reference Library (from 2 to 6 o'clock p.m.)	164
Lending Branch (from 2 to 6 o'clock p.m.)	96
Total	260

Average number of VOLUMES used on WEEK-DAYS—

Reference Library (from 10 o'clock a.m. to 10 o'clock p.m.)	1,476
Lending Branch (from 10 o'clock a.m. to 9 o'clock p.m.)	293
Total	1,769

Summary of VISITS to the Library, 1869–1895 :—

1869 (three months—1 Oct. to 31 Dec.)	17,006	1883	155,431
1870	59,786	1884 (eleven months)	161,877
1871	60,165	1885	165,715
1872	48,817	1886	168,685
1873	76,659	1887 (closed three months for moving)	139,203
1874 (eleven months)	57,962	1888	149,425
1875	66,900	1889	132,983
1876	72,724	1890	155,822
1877 (Lending Branch first opened)	124,688	1891	173,205
1878	117,047	1892	197,255
1879 (Exhibition open)	152,036	1893	216,089
1880	134,462	1894	330,431
1881	136,272	1895	409,064
1882 (eleven months)	133,731		

APPENDIX C.

Classes of Books borrowed from the Lending Branch of the Public Library of New South Wales, from 1st January to 31st December, 1895.

No. of days open.	No. of Tickets issued to Borrowers.	No. of Borrowers' visits.	Synopsis of Classification of Reading.	No. of Vols. available.	No. of issues.	Daily average of Vols. issued, including Sundays.	Ratio of Vols. to issues.
342	6,150	80,782	Natural Philosophy, Science and the Arts	4,040	10,393	30·4	1:2·6
			History, Chronology, Antiquities, and Mythology	3,440	8,976	26·2	1:2·6
			Biography and Correspondence	4,002	8,297	24·3	1:2·1
			Geography, Topography, Voyages and Travels	3,573	14,587	42·7	1:4·1
			Jurisprudence, Political and Social Economy	1,124	1,653	4·8	1:1·5
			Mental and Moral Philosophy, and Education	1,479	3,265	9·5	1:2·2
			Poetry and Drama	916	2,305	6·7	1:2·5
			General Literature	3,231	14,816	43·3	1:4·6
			Prose Works of Fiction	2,787	26,528	77·6	1:9·5
			Total	24,592	90,820	265·5	1:3·7

APPENDIX D.

Classes of Books read, the Number of Volumes used, and the Number of Visits to the Libraries on Sundays during the year 1895.

No. of Sundays open.	No. of Visits.	Daily average of Visits.		No. of Volumes available.	No. of Volumes used.	Daily average of Vols. used on Sundays.
			Reference Library.			
51	6,768	164	Natural Philosophy, Science, and the Arts	10,492	1,334	26·1
			History, Chronology, Antiquities, and Mythology	7,191	663	13·0
			Biography and Correspondence	5,135	776	15·2
			Geography, Topography, Voyages and Travels	7,481	860	16·9
			Periodical and Serial Literature	24,523	1,172	23·0
			Jurisprudence, Political and Social Economy	5,581	423	8·3
			Theology, Moral and Mental Philosophy, and Education	4,978	286	5·6
			Poetry and Drama	2,892	497	9·7
			General Literature, Philology, and Collected Works	6,334	1,545	30.3
			Works of Reference	4,951	791	15·5
			Total	79,558	8,347	163·6
			Lending Branch.			
48	4,126	86	Natural Philosophy, Science, and the Arts	4,040	588	12·3
			History, Chronology, Antiquities, and Mythology	3,440	469	9·8
			Biography and Correspondence	4,002	468	9·7
			Geography, Topography, Voyages and Travels	3,573	880	18·3
			Jurisprudence, Political and Social Economy	1,124	141	2·9
			Mental and Moral Philosophy, and Education	1,479	171	3·6
			Poetry and Drama	916	111	2·3
			General Literature	3,231	655	13·7
			Prose Works of Fiction	2,787	1,121	23·3
			Total	24,592	4,604	95·9

APPENDIX E.

Number of Boxes of Books borrowed from the Public Library of New South Wales, Sydney, by Country Libraries with number of vols. issued during the year 1895.

Town.	Institution.	No. of Boxes borrowed.	No. of Vols. issued.	Town.	Institution.	No. of Boxes borrowed.	No. of Vols. issued.
Armidale	School of Arts	1	62	Lismore	School of Arts	2	174
Ballina	School of Arts	2	175	Lithgow	School of Arts	2	157
Bellingen	School of Arts	1	89	Manilla	School of Arts	1	97
Bemboka	School of Arts	2	149	Marrickville	School of Arts	3	218
Berrima	School of Arts	3	239	Minmi	School of Arts	1	63
Berry	School of Arts	2	179	Mittagong	School of Arts	2	153
Blackheath	Literary Society	2	151	Moss Vale	School of Arts	2	145
Bowna	Mechanics' Institute	1	90	Narrabri	Mechanics' Institute	2	138
Branxton	Mechanics' Institute	1	87	Newcastle	School of Arts	3	202
Broadmeadow	School of Arts	2	158	New Lambton	Mechanics' Institute	2	179
Bullahdelah	School of Arts	1	86	North Ryde	School of Arts	2	159
Bundarra	School of Arts	2	156	Nowra	School of Arts	3	241
Captain's Flat	School of Arts	2	155	Parkes	People's Institute	1	88
Carcoar	School of Arts	1	86	Parramatta	School of Arts	3	229
Cardiff	Mechanics' Institute	1	89	Plattsburg	Mechanics' Institute	2	166
Charlestown	Literary Institute	2	160	Port Macquarie	School of Arts	2	161
Coolamon	School of Arts	2	182	Pyree	School of Arts	1	95
Copeland	School of Arts	1	79	Queanbeyan	School of Arts	3	231
Coraki	School of Arts	2	140	Quirindi	School of Arts	2	152
Crookwell	School of Arts	2	184	Raymond Terrace	School of Arts	1	61
Drake	School of Arts	2	149	Richmond	School of Arts	2	174
Dudley	School of Arts	1	99	South Grafton	School of Arts	2	152
Dungog	School of Arts	2	157	South Woodburn	School of Arts	2	182
East Maitland	Mechanics' Institute	1	92	Stockton	School of Arts	2	138
Forster	Mechanics' Institute	2	149	Tamworth	Mechanics' Institute	2	149
Galston	School of Arts	2	156	Taree	School of Arts	2	139
Gilgandra	Mechanics' Institute	2	148	Tenterfield	School of Arts	3	246
Glenhaven	School of Arts	2	162	Teralba	Mechanics' Institute	2	154
Glenreagh	School of Arts	2	147	Toongabbie	School of Arts	2	156
Gosford	School of Arts	1	58	Tweed Heads	School of Arts	1	60
Goulburn	Mechanics' Institute	2	161	Ulmarra	School of Arts	2	121
Grafton	School of Arts	2	161	Walcha	School of Arts	2	147
Granville	School of Arts	2	149	Walgett	School of Arts	1	80
Greta	School of Arts	2	158	Waratah	School of Arts	2	158
Gulgong	Free Public Library	2	176	Wauchope	School of Arts	1	77
Gundagai	Literary Institute	2	145	Wellington	Free Public Library	2	145
Gunnedah	School of Arts	2	180	West Hillgrove	Literary Institute	1	83
Guyra	School of Arts	1	77	West Wallsend	School of Arts	2	156
Helensburgh	School of Arts	2	167	Wickham	School of Arts	2	153
Hillgrove	School of Arts	2	149	Wilcannia	Athenæum	1	85
Hornsby Junction	School of Arts	2	149	Wolumla	School of Arts	2	148
Jerilderie	School of Arts	2	172	Woonoona	School of Arts	1	62
Jindera	School of Arts	2	157	Wyalong	School of Arts	1	88
Kangaroo Valley	School of Arts	2	145	Young Wallsend	School of Arts	1	89
Kempsey	Free Public Library	2	178				
Kiama	School of Arts	2	159		Total	164	12,893
Laurieton	School of Arts	2	146				

APPENDIX F.

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Accountant:—William H. Gifford.
Chief Attendant:—John Fox.
First Attendant:—Henry Robertson.
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Librarian:—Michael F. Cullen. *Entry Clerk:*—Edward Hawley. *Cataloguer:*—Michael O'Loughlin.

Agents:—Messrs. Angus and Robertson, 89 Castlereagh-street, Sydney.

APPENDIX G.

List of Donations received during 1895.

By whom Presented.	List of Donations Received.	Vols.
Adelaide Agricultural Bureau...	Annual Report	1
Agent-General for N.S.W.	Foreign Office List, 1895	1
	Colonial Office List, 1895	1
Alabama State Geologist	Geological Map of Alabama	1
American Agricultural Colleges and Experimental Stations. Reports and Bulletins.	Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Cornell University, Delaware, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Ottawa, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Storr's School, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.	137
Auckland Institute	Annual Report	1
Australasian Association for the Advancement of Science.	Report of the Fifth Meeting, 1893	1
Australian Museum	Publications	5
Australian Mutual Provident Society.	Annual Reports	3
Ballarat General Cemetery Trust	Chairman's Report	2
Barton, C. H.	Australian Physiography. By C. H. Barton	1
Barton, G. B.	Opinions of the Attorney-General, Hon. W. B. Dalley	5
Bickerton, A. W.	New Story of the Stars. By A. W. Bickerton	
	Partial Impact. By A. W. Bickerton	
	The Immortality of the Cosmos. By A. W. Bickerton	1
	Reply to Critics on a New Story of the Stars. By A. W. Bickerton	1
	Copy of Letters sent to *Nature* on Partial Impact. By A. W. Bickerton	1
Bignold, Mrs.	Leviora. By T. F. Bignold	1
Board for International Exchange, Sydney.	Official Publications of the Argentine Republic, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, France, New Zealand, South Australia, United States, Uruguay, and Victoria.	580
Board of Health, Sydney	Publications	8
Bradlee, C. D.	Recollections of a Ministry of Forty Years. By C. D. Bradlee	1
Brassey, Rt. Hon. Lord	Papers and Addresses by Lord Brassey	6
	Voyages and Travels by Lord Brassey	2
Brazier, J.	Pamphlets. By J. Brazier	12
Bridge House Estates Committee	History of the Tower Bridge	1
BrokenHillProprietaryCompany	Reports	2
Brown, T. Craig	History of Selkirkshire. By T. C. Brown	2
Bureau d'Exchanges Internationaux, Monte Video.	Leyes Decretos y Reglamentos Vigentes	1
Bureau of Education, U.S.A.	Publications	9
California State Mineralogist	Report, 1893	1
Canada Agricultural Department	Experimental Farms. Reports	7
Canterbury College	Calendar, 1895	1
	Public Library Catalogue and Supplement	2
Chicago Board of Trade	37th Report of the Trade and Commerce of Chicago, 1894	1
Chicago Fire Marshal	Report, 1894	1
Cobden Club	Publications	245
Colburn, G.	Poems on Mankind and Nature	1
Collie, G. L.	Geology of Conanicut Island. By G. L. Collie	1
Commissioner for Labour, State of New York, U.S.A.	Reports	2
Connecticut Board of Agriculture	Report, 1894	1
Cornell University	Library Bulletins	2
Cudmore, P.	Buchanan's Conspiracy. By P. Cudmore	1
Derby, Countess of	Speeches and Addresses. By the Earl of Derby	2
Dudley, Mrs. Lucy B.	Contribution to the knowledge of the Termites. By Mrs. Lucy B. Dudley	1
Edinburgh Public Library	Catalogues, &c.	5
Eichler, C. L.	Journal and Proceedings of the Royal Society of New South Wales, 1879, 1882-1887, and 1892.	8
Gay, W.	Walt Whitman. By W. Gay	1
Geological Society of America...	Bulletin, Vol. 6	1
Geological Survey of Canada	Report, Vol. 6	1
Gilchrist, Rev. Dr. A.	Pamphlets	6
Green, W. J.	The Worthington Lectures	1
Hallam, J.	Proceedings of the Deep Waterworks Convention, 1894	1
Harvard College Astronomical Observatory.	Publications	9
Hawley, D. R.	Journal of the Institute of Bankers, N.S.W.	2
	Journal of the Bankers' Institute of Australasia	6
Head, N.	Mabel: A tale of Filial Love. By N. Head. 2 copies	2
Hoare, P. E.	Circular, dated Adelaide, 31st July, 1837, *re* South Australian Gazette and Colonial Register.	1
Holder, Hon. F. W.	State Advances Bill	1
Imperial Institute	Supplement to the Year Book of the Imperial Institute, 1895	1
Innes, R. T. A.	List of Probable New Double Stars. By R. T. A. Innes	1
Institution of Civil Engineers...	Catalogue of the Library of the Institution of Civil Engineers	3
	Proceedings	2
Institute of Jamaica	Journal, Vol. 2	1
	Jamaica in 1895	1
Iowa State Historical Society	Publications	4
James, G.	An Ecclesiastical History. By J. L. Mosheim	6
	Memoirs of J. Chamberlain. By W. Yates	1
Jeypore, Maharaja of	Jeypore Portfolio of Architectural Details, part 7	1
Kansas State Historical Society	Report	1
Leland Stanford Junior University.	Annual Register	1
Library Association of the United Kingdom.	Report of the Proceedings of the 18th Annual Meeting, 1895	1
	Year Book, 1895	1
Library Reports	Battersea, Boston, Brighton, Brooklyn, Concord, Detroit, Dunedin, Enoch Pratt, Heginbottom, Leeds, Mitchell, Newberry, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Norwich, Peabody Institute, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Richmond, St. George's, St. Helen's, St. Louis, and West Bromwich.	23
Linnean Society of New South Wales.	Proceedings	6

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By whom Presented.	List of Donations Received.	Vols
Liverpool Geographical Society.	Report	1
Liversidge, Prof. A.	Scientific Papers	5
Lowry, S. C.	The Work of the Holy Spirit. By S. C. Lowry	2
MacDonnell, W. J.	The Four Gospels in Turkish	1
M'Kellar, C.	Greece : her Hopes and Troubles. By C. M'Kellar	1
Madras Government Astronomer	Observations	8
Madras Government Printer	Publications	3
Manchester Geological Society	Transactions	2
Meggy, P.	Reports and Acts relating to Australasian Civil Service	8
Melbourne Public Library	Victorian Publications	7
Melbourne University	Calendars	3
Minnesota Geological & Natural History Survey.	Report	1
	The Iron-bearing Rocks of the Mesabi Range, in Minnesota. By J. E. Spurr	1
Mullins, Dr. G. L.	Epidemic Diseases and their Prevention in the Eastern Suburbs of Sydney. By Dr. G. L. Mullins.	1
	Notes on Hydatid Disease in New South Wales. By Dr. G. L. Mullins	1
	Notes on Phthisis in New South Wales and other Australian Colonies. By Dr. G. L. Mullins.	1
New South Wales Department of Mines and Agriculture.	Publications	8
New South Wales Department of Public Instruction.	Reading Books used in the Public Schools of New South Wales, 1895	14
Newspapers, Proprietors of	Yearly issue of *Advertiser* (Adelaide), *Age* (Melbourne), *Agriculturist and Review* (Jamestown), *Argus* (Melbourne), *Austral Light* (Melbourne), *Ballarat Courier*, *Bendigo Advertiser*, *Bible Echo* (Melbourne), *British Australasian* (London), *British Weekly* (Edinburgh), *Cape Argus* (Capetown), *Christian World* (London), *Colonial Enterprise* (London), *Colonist* (Maryborough), *Coolgardie Mining Review*, *Coolgardie Pioneer*, *Cork Examiner*, *Croydon Golden Age*, *Daily Telegraph* (Launceston), *Eagle* (Charters Towers), *Echuca and Moama Advertiser*, *Freeman's Journal* (Dublin), *Geraldton Advocate*, *Geraldton-Murchison Telegraph*, *Glasgow Weekly Mail*, *Guardian* (London), *Hamilton Advertiser*, *Hobart Mercury*, *Indian Daily News* (Calcutta), *Inquirer* (Perth), *Japan Weekly Mail* (Yokohama), *Launceston Examiner*, *Leader* (Melbourne), *Literary World* (London), *Mackay Chronicle*, *Mackay Mercury*, *Manchester Courier*, *Melbourne Punch*, *Murchison Times* (Cue), *Natal Witness* (Pietermaritsburg), *New Zealand Herald* (Auckland), *New Zealand Mail* (Wellington), *New Zealand Tablet* (Dunedin), *New Zealand Times* (Wellington), *Nhill Free Press*, *North British Agriculturist* (Edinburgh), *Northern Public Opinion* (Roeburne), *North Queensland Herald* (Townsville), *North Queensland Register* (Charters Towers), *Oamaru Mail*, *Otago Witness* (Dunedin), *Portadown Record*, *Port Denison Times* (Bowen), *Reynolds' Newspaper* (London), *Riverine Herald* (Echuca), *Semi-Weekly Tribune* (New York), *Standard* (London), *Standard and Diggers' News* (Johannesburg), *Telegraph* (Brisbane), *Toowoomba Chronicle*, *Week* (Brisbane), *Weekly Scotsman* (Edinburgh), *Weekly Times* (Melbourne), *Western Australian Record* (Perth), *Western Champion* (Barcaldine), *Worker* (Brisbane), *World* (London), *Yarrawonga Chronicle*, *Zeehan and Dundas Herald*.	
New York State Library	Report of the New York State Museum, 1893	1
New Zealand Government Printer.	Publications	10
New Zealand Institute	Transactions	1
Ontario Fruit Growers' Association.	Report	1
Parker, E. K.	Plain Book for Plain People	1
Paul, E. M.	Industries of Russia	5
Pelldram, A. L.	Die forstlichen Verhaltnisse Preussens	2
Philadelphia Public Library	Bulletin of the Library Company of Philadelphia	1
Plummer, J.	Tableau Œconomique. By F. Quesnay	1
Polynesian Society	Journal, Vol. 4	1
Proskwetz, M.	Rapport sur les Travaux et les Resolutions du Congres International, 1890	1
	Führer—Guide	1
Queensland Department of Agriculture.	Miscellaneous Publications	16
Queensland Government Geologist.	The Geology and Palæontology of Queensland and New Guinea. By R. L. Jack and R. Etheridge.	3
Queensland Government Printer	Acts of Parliament of Queensland, 1894	1
Registrar-General, Perth	West Australian Handbook, 1893–94. By M. Fraser	1
Rennie, Prof. E. H.	Colouring Matter from Lomatia Ilicifolia and Lomatia Longifolia. By Prof. E. H. Rennie.	1
Rio de Janeiro Bibliotheca Nacional.	Official Publications	14
Royal Colonial Institute	Library Catalogue	1
	Proceedings, Vol. 26, 1894–95	1
Royal Humane Society	Report	1
Royal Institute of British Architects.	Kalendar	1
Royal Society of New South Wales.	Journal of Proceedings	1
Royal Society of Queensland	Proceedings	10
Royal Society of South Australia	Transactions	1
Royal Society of Victoria	Proceedings	1
Russell, H. C.	Publications of Sydney Observatory	3
St. Mary's Hospital Medical School.	Report	1
Scouller, J.	Spiritualism. What and whence it is	1
Smith, C. M'Kay	The Rejected Gifts	1
	Capital and Labour Taxation	1
	Sheep *v.* Rabbits	1
	Taxation of Property	1
	Trade Depression and Wasted Resources	1
	Free Trade and its Influence on National Prosperity	1
Smithsonian Institution	Report	2

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By whom Presented.	List of Donations Received.	Vols.
South Australia Department of Agriculture.	Hints and Advice on the Breeding and Rearing of Poultry. By D. F. Laurie	1
South Australian Government Printer.	Publications	9
Tangye, Sir Richard	The Maister. By G. H. Haswell	2
Tebbutt, J.	Report of Mr. Tebbutt's Observatory, 1894	1
Tepper, J. G. O.	The Blattariæ of Australasia. By J. G. O. Tepper	1
	Descriptions of new or little known Species of Blattariæ, Gryllacridæ, and Stenopelmatidæ, collected at Lake Callabonna, South Australia, by J. G. O. Tepper.	1
Thompson, Sir H. M. Mesey	The Injury to British Trade and Manufacture. By G. Jamieson	1
Town Clerk, Guildhall, London	London and the Kingdom By R. R. Sharp	3
Trustees for the Children of Shalam.	Oakspe, a New Bible	1
	Book of Gratiyus	1
	Selection from Oakspe	1
Tudor, R.	Memories of My Exile. By L. Kossuth	1
Tullock, J. T.	Message of the President of the Republic on opening the Session of Congress, 1895	6
	The Province of La Rioja	2
United States Bureau of Statistics	Washington Consular Reports	7
United States Department of Agriculture.	Publications	2
Victorian Government Astronomer.	Melbourne Observatory Publications	9
Victorian Department of Agriculture.	Miscellaneous Publications	34
Victorian Government Printer	Publications	2
Victorian Legislative Assembly	Votes and Proceedings, 1894–95	2
Walker, J. B.	The Deportation of the Norfolk Islanders to the Derwent in 1808. By J. B. Walker.	1
Watson, Rev. M.	Australian Messenger of the Sacred Heart	2
Western Australia Department of Lands.	Official Map of Western Australia	1
Western Australia Government Printer.	Publications	2
Wick, B. L.	The Amish Mennonites. By B. L. Wick	1
Windeyer, Hon. Sir W.	An Address delivered before the University Union. By Hon. Mr. Justice Windeyer, LL.D.	1
	Ex parte Collins; a Judgment by W. Windeyer, LL.D.	1
Wisconsin State Historical Society.	Proceedings	1

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NEW SOUTH WALES.

THE PUBLIC LIBRARY OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

(REPORT FROM TRUSTEES FOR 1896.)

Printed under No. 2 Report from Printing Committee, 6 May, 1897.

The Trustees of the Public Library of New South Wales to The Minister for Public Instruction.

Sir, Sydney, 10 February, 1897.

The Trustees have the honor to submit their Report for the year 1896, being their Twenty-sixth Annual Report.

1. The Board have to record with regret the death of Mr. John Stewart on July 30th, 1896, after twenty-three years' service, commencing on April 20th, 1873, and of the Hon. Sir J. G. L. Innes, Kt., who died in London on October 26th, having served on the Board since February 11th, 1879.

In January Sir William Windeyer went to England on leave of absence, and the Board placed on record their high sense of the value of his services to this Library.

There have been twelve meetings of the Board during the year, the average attendance being five.

2. The general collection of books has been increased by 5,525 volumes, and after allowing for 116 struck off the Lending Branch stock as worn out or lost, the total number now in the Library is 115,908, details of the classification of which are given in Appendix A.

3. The Reference Library was open for 359 days, and the attendance reached 174,130, being an increase of 17,742 over that of the previous year. The Lending Branch was open for 349 days, and the total number of borrowers' visits reached 80,928, showing a small increase of 146. The attendance at the Newspaper Room fell off from 171,894 to 161,124. The average daily attendance at the Library for the year was 1,167. Details are given in Appendix B.

4. In the Lending Branch the borrowers numbered 6,061, which is a decrease of 89 on the previous year. In Appendix C will be found details of the classes of books taken out by borrowers, showing for each class—(*a*) the number of volumes available at the end of the year; (*b*) the number issued during the year; (*c*) the daily average of volumes issued; (*d*) the ratio between volumes and issues. These figures show that fiction forms 11·7 per cent. of the volumes in the Lending Branch and 28·3 per cent. of the total issues; and that each volume of fiction was borrowed, on an average, 8·5 times during the year.

5. The figures given in Appendix D serve to show to what extent and in what directions the public avail themselves of the contents of the Library on Sundays.

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6. The number of Country Libraries applying for the loan of boxes of books has increased from 91 to 107; and 172 boxes, containing 14,208 volumes, were sent out, as against 164 boxes, with 12,893 volumes, in the previous year. Two more boxes were equipped during 1896, 268 new volumes added to the stock available for loan in this way, and 85 volumes were withdrawn, leaving the total 6,131 volumes.

The Trustees are of opinion that the Country Libraries which benefit by this system of exchange may fairly be asked to make a yearly contribution to a fund which will by degrees equip a number of new boxes with the best modern literature of all classes, until there shall be at least enough boxes to supply all applicants, and thus ensure a rapid circulation of about 10,000 volumes among 150 centres throughout the Colony.

A yearly contribution of £5 from each Country Library would thus provide about 1,500 volumes each year, which rate of increase would soon make it possible for every Library to borrow 400 volumes per annum, at an average cost to themselves of 3d. per volume—the State paying all costs of transit.

7. The donations for the past year comprise 1,504 volumes and pamphlets, of the value of £417 6s. 6d., of which 356 were placed among the duplicates, but are valuable for exchange purposes; and also 76 newspapers supplied regularly from Great Britain and British Colonies for the use of the Newspaper Room. Appendix G contains the names of the principal donors. Under the Copyright Act 256 volumes and pamphlets, to the value of £29 11s. 1d., have been received, as well as 272 newspapers and periodicals published in New South Wales.

8. The Newspaper Room is now supplied with newspapers from different parts of the world, and is evidently appreciated by the large number of respectable men who frequent it every day. The Trustees would reiterate the remarks of their last Report as to the unsuitability of the old iron building which is being used for a Lending Branch and Newspaper Room.

9. The practice of lending special collections of text-books to groups of students in country districts has been continued with encouraging results, and is much appreciated by the students and the University Extension Board.

10. Steady progress has been made with the preparation of catalogues. A Supplement containing the books added to the Library in the years 1893–95 is now ready for the Printer, and a very complete Index to the same will be finished within three months. A Supplement for the year 1896 has been issued in quarterly parts by our own staff, and these parts are now combined in one alphabet, and ready with the Index for printing in one volume. The type of this Supplement will be kept standing, and the quarterly slips printed during this year will be combined with it at the end of 1897 to form a two years' Supplement, and so on till a large five years' Supplement shall have been put together. An Index covering the whole of the 60,000 books received from 1869 to 1892 will, we hope, be ready for printing by the middle of this year. The cataloguing of the books in the Lending Branch has been steadily kept up to date.

11. This Library was represented at the Library Conference held in Melbourne in April last by the Principal Librarian. An Australasian Library Association was formed, and it was decided that the first general meeting of the Association should be held in Sydney about Easter of this year. With this end in view the Hon. Dr. Norton, M.L.C., Professor MacCallum, and Mr. H. C. L. Anderson were elected the Executive Officers for 1897. A further communication with regard to this proposed meeting will be addressed to you.

12. The Officers of the staff are efficient and diligent, and are generally zealous in working to make themselves fit for any duties that may be assigned to them.

13. The question of providing more accommodation is becoming a pressing one, for within a short time all the available space in this Library will be occupied.

During the past year the work connected with administering the Copyright Act of 1879 has been transferred to the Library, and a considerable amount of space has been taken up by the necessary Registers and Exhibits. The officer entrusted with editing the Historical Records of New South Wales has also been transferred to the Library Staff, and a further encroachment on the rooms hitherto assigned to special students has been found necessary. The Trustees feel it their duty to urge the

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the advisability of considering at once how the further accommodation which will be necessary in the near future is to be provided. The splendid site which was bought for this Library with a special Parliamentary grant has not yet been devoted to any other purpose, and it is a question for immediate attention whether the difficulty should not be boldly faced by using the site as originally intended, and removing the Reference Library, together with the Lending Branch and Newspaper Room which must disappear in a short time to make room for the proposed Parliamentary buildings, to a central position where they would be more accessible, and their general usefulness thereby largely increased. The Trustees are of opinion that it is both impracticable and inexpedient to attempt to enlarge the present building with any hope of providing suitable accommodation for the work now being done at the Lending Branch, or for the prospective requirements of a National Library for New South Wales.

14. *Expenditure for* 1896.

From the Parliamentary Votes for the year 1895-6 (£7,640), *and the current financial year ending June* 30*th*, 1897 (£7,176).

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Salaries—Reference Library and Country Exchanges ...	2,810
,, Lending Branch	1,339
,, Newspaper Room	145
Books, periodicals, newspapers, and binding	1,904
Incidentals—including insurance, freight, book-shelves, repairs, &c.	278
Wages of cleaners and carpenter	315
Conveyance of books to Country Libraries	179
	£6,970

JAMES NORTON,
President.

APPENDIX A.

NUMBER of VOLUMES in the PUBLIC LIBRARY OF NEW SOUTH WALES on the 31st December, 1896.

Synopsis of Classification.	Reference Department.		Lending Branch.		For Country Libraries.		Total.
	Added 1896.	Total.	Added 1896.	Total.	Added 1896.	Total.	
Natural Philosophy, Science and the Arts	819	10,869	139	4,168	27	1,369	16,406
History, Chronology, Antiquities, and Mythology	210	7,161	128	3,560	62	1,174	11,895
Biography and Correspondence	164	5,174	92	4,086	55	1,441	10,701
Geography, Topography, Voyages and Travels	134	6,965	66	3,628	35	1,136	11,729
Periodical and Serial Literature	1,718	24,315	.....	.....	31	47	24,362
Jurisprudence, Political and Social Economy	317	5,538	52	1,172	13	199	6,909
Theology, Moral and Mental Philosophy, and Education	378	5,183	26	1,502	8	164	6,849
Poetry and Drama	115	2,888	27	940	6	127	3,955
General Literature, Philology, and Collected Works	168	6,300	287	6,237*	29	472	13,009
Works of Reference	61	4,876	.....	.....	2	2	4,878
Duplicates	356	5,215	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,215
Total added during 1896	4,440	.....	817	.....	268	.....	5,525
Total Number of Volumes	.....	84,484	.....	25,293	.....	6,131	115,908

Books worn out, or lost during the year, deducted from the stock :—Lending Branch, 116.

* Including 2,983 vols. of Prose Fiction.

APPENDIX B.

NUMBER and AVERAGE of VISITS of READERS to the LIBRARY, the NUMBER of DAYS on which the LIBRARY was OPEN to the PUBLIC, and the AVERAGE NUMBER of VOLUMES USED on SUNDAYS and on WEEK-DAYS from 1st January to 31st December, 1896.

Number of VISITS for the year—

To the Reference Library	174,130
To the Lending Branch	80,928
To the Newspaper Room	161,124
Total	416,182

Total Visits to the Reference Library on Week-days	166,402	On Sundays ...	7,728
Total Visits to the Lending Branch on Week-days	76,614	On Sundays ...	4,314
Daily average of Visits to the Reference Library on Week-days	542	On Sundays ...	148
Daily average of Visits to the Lending Branch on Week-days...	256	On Sundays ...	86

Total number of Days that the REFERENCE LIBRARY was open (including 52 Sundays) ...	359
Total number of Days that the LENDING BRANCH was open (including 50 Sundays)	349

Average number of VOLUMES used on SUNDAYS—

Reference Library (from 2 to 6 o'clock p.m.)	193
Lending Branch (from 2 to 6 o'clock p.m.)	95
Total	288

Average number of VOLUMES used on WEEK-DAYS—

Reference Library (from 10 o'clock a.m. to 10 o'clock p.m.)	1,626
Lending Branch (from 10 o'clock a.m. to 9 o'clock p.m.)	288
Total	1,914

Summary of VISITS to the Library, 1869–1896 :—

1869 (three months—1 Oct. to 31 Dec.) ...	17,006	1883	155,431
1870	59,786	1884 (eleven months)	161,877
1871	60,165	1885	165,715
1872	48,817	1886	168,685
1873	76,659	1887 (closed three months for moving)...	139,203
1874 (eleven months)	57,962	1888	149,425
1875	66,900	1889	132,983
1876	72,724	1890	155,822
1877 (Lending Branch first opened)	124,688	1891	173,205
1878	117,047	1892	197,255
1879 (Exhibition open)	152,036	1893	216,089
1880	134,462	1894 (Newspaper Room opened)	330,431
1881	136,272	1895	409,064
1882 (eleven months)	133,731	1896	416,182

APPENDIX C.

Classes of Books borrowed from the Lending Branch of the Public Library of New South Wales, from 1st January to 31st December, 1896.

No. of days open.	No. of Tickets issued to Borrowers.	No. of Borrowers' visits.	Synopsis of Classification of Reading.	No. of Vols. available.	No. of issues.	Daily average of Vols. issued, including Sundays.	Ratio of Vols. to issues
349	6,061	80,928	Natural Philosophy, Science and the Arts	4,168	10,242	29·3	1:2·5
			History, Chronology, Antiquities, and Mythology	3,560	9,347	26·8	1:2·6
			Biography and Correspondence	4,086	8,019	23·0	1:2·0
			Geography, Topography, Voyages and Travels	3,628	13,718	39·3	1:3·8
			Jurisprudence, Political and Social Economy	1,172	1,835	5·3	1:1·5
			Mental and Moral Philosophy, and Education	1,502	3,246	9·3	1:2·1
			Poetry and Drama	940	2,660	7·6	1:2·8
			General Literature	3,254	15,349	43·9	1:4·7
			Prose Works of Fiction	2,983	25,474	73·0	1:8·5
			Total	25,293	89,890	257·5	1:3·5

APPENDIX D.

Classes of Books read, the Number of Volumes used, and the Number of Visits to the Libraries on Sundays during the year 1896.

No. of Sundays open.	No. of Visits.	Daily average of Visits.		No. of Volumes available.	No. of Volumes used.	Daily average of Vols. used on Sundays.
			Reference Library.			
52	7,728	148	Natural Philosophy, Science, and the Arts	10,869	1,316	25·3
			History, Chronology, Antiquities, and Mythology	7,161	754	14·5
			Biography and Correspondence	5,174	1,051	20·2
			Geography, Topography, Voyages and Travels	6,965	932	17·8
			Periodical and Serial Literature	24,315	1,271	24·5
			Jurisprudence, Political and Social Economy	5,538	625	12·3
			Theology, Moral and Mental Philosophy, and Education	5,183	457	8·4
			Poetry and Drama	2,888	613	11·8
			General Literature, Philology, and Collected Works	6,300	2,260	43·5
			Works of Reference	4,876	768	14·7
			Total	79,269	10,047	193
			Lending Branch.			
50	4,314	86	Natural Philosophy, Science, and the Arts	4,168	531	10·6
			History, Chronology, Antiquities, and Mythology	3,560	487	9·7
			Biography and Correspondence	4,086	467	9·4
			Geography, Topography, Voyages and Travels	3,628	889	17·8
			Jurisprudence, Political and Social Economy	1,172	130	2·6
			Mental and Moral Philosophy, and Education	1,502	169	3·4
			Poetry and Drama	940	125	2·5
			General Literature	3,254	658	13·2
			Prose Works of Fiction	2,983	1,291	25·8
			Total	25,293	4,747	95

APPENDIX E.

NUMBER of BOXES of BOOKS BORROWED from the PUBLIC LIBRARY OF NEW SOUTH WALES, SYDNEY, by COUNTRY LIBRARIES, with NUMBER OF VOLS. ISSUED, during the year 1896.

Town.	Institution.	No. of Boxes borrowed.	No. of Vols. issued.	Town.	Institution.	No. of Boxes borrowed.	No. of Vols. issued.
Alstonville	School of Arts	1	86	Laurieton	School of Arts	2	127
Armidale	School of Arts	1	92	Lismore	School of Arts	2	186
Ballina	School of Arts	2	157	Lithgow	School of Arts	2	167
Bellinger Heads	School of Arts	1	99	Manilla	School of Arts	2	157
Berrima	School of Arts	1	59	Marrickville	School of Arts	1	87
Berry	School of Arts	1	108	Merriwa	Mechanics' Institute	2	138
Blackheath	Literary Institute	1	99	Minmi	School of Arts	2	172
Bowna	Mechanics' Institute	2	155	Mittagong	School of Arts	2	190
Bowral	School of Arts	3	232	Morpeth	School of Arts	1	89
Broadmeadow	School of Arts	2	171	Moss Vale	School of Arts	2	177
Brushgrove	School of Arts	1	85	Mount Kembla	Reading Room	2	171
Bungendore	School of Arts	1	92	Nambucca Heads	School of Arts	1	58
Burragan	Mechanics' Institute	2	156	Narellan	Mechanics' Institute	2	145
Captain's Flat	School of Arts	2	139	Narrabri	Mechanics' Institute	2	148
Carcoar	School of Arts	1	64	New Lambton	Mechanics' Institute	2	154
Cargo	School of Arts	1	77	Newcastle	School of Arts	2	185
Casino	School of Arts	2	170	North Ryde	School of Arts	2	166
Central Tilba	Public Library	1	76	Nowra	School of Arts	2	122
Charlestown	School of Arts	1	78	Parramatta	School of Arts	2	168
Cobar	School of Arts	2	149	Plattsburg	Mechanics' Institute	2	140
Come-by-chance	School of Arts	2	178	Port Macquarie	School of Arts	2	184
Coolamon	School of Arts	1	88	Queanbeyan	School of Arts	2	154
Copeland	School of Arts	2	167	Quirindi	School of Arts	2	172
Coraki	School of Arts	2	140	Sackville Reach	School of Arts	1	98
Corowa	School of Arts	2	175	St. John's Park	Literary Society	2	165
Crookwell	School of Arts	2	176	Seven Hills	Literary Society	1	89
Cumnock	School of Arts	1	88	South Grafton	School of Arts	2	155
Deepwater	School of Arts	2	172	Stockton	School of Arts	2	174
Dudley	Mechanics' Institute	1	77	Sutherland	School of Arts	1	88
Dungog	Mechanics' Institute	1	76	Tamworth	Mechanics' Institute	1	70
East Maitland	Mechanics' Institute	2	139	Taree	School of Arts	2	167
Eugowra	School of Arts	1	61	Tenterfield	School of Arts	2	159
Galston	Mechanics' Institute	1	79	Thornleigh	School of Arts	2	174
Gilgandra	Mechanics' Institute	1	98	Toongabbie	School of Arts	2	185
Glenhaven	Mechanics' Institute	1	98	Ulmarra	School of Arts	2	168
Glenreagh	School of Arts	1	85	Walcha	School of Arts	2	142
Gosford	School of Arts	1	98	Walgett	School of Arts	2	153
Goulburn	Mechanics' Institute	1	92	Waratah	School of Arts	2	175
Grafton	School of Arts	2	163	Wardell	Mechanics' Institute	1	85
Granville	School of Arts	2	165	Wauchope	School of Arts	2	151
Grenfell	School of Arts	1	95	Wellington	Public Library	2	170
Greta	School of Arts	2	156	West Hillgrove	School of Arts	2	172
Gulgong	Free Public Library	1	75	West Maitland	School of Arts	1	86
Gunnedah	School of Arts	1	69	West Wallsend	School of Arts	2	187
Harden	Mechanics' Institute	2	156	Wickham	School of Arts	2	173
Helensburgh	School of Arts	2	190	Wilcannia	Athenæum	1	59
Hillgrove	School of Arts	1	90	Wollar	Mechanics' Institute	2	181
Hornsby Junction	School of Arts	2	157	Wolumla	Mechanics' Institute	2	165
Humula	Mechanics' Institute	1	88	Woonoona	School of Arts	2	176
Inverell	School of Arts	1	87	Wyalong	School of Arts	2	175
Jerilderie	School of Arts	1	89	Yass	Mechanics' Institute	2	175
Jindera	School of Arts	1	100	Young Wallsend	School of Arts	2	185
Kangaroo Valley	School of Arts	1	90				
Kenthurst	School of Arts	1	76		Total	172	14,208
Kiama	School of Arts	2	172				

APPENDIX F.

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APPENDIX G.

Donations received during 1896.

By whom Presented.	List of Donations Received.	Vols.
Adelaide University	Calendar for 1896	1
Alabama Geological Survey	Iron-making in Alabama. By W. B. Phillips	1
	Bulletin No. 5. A preliminary Report on the Mineral Resources of the Upper Gold Belt, &c.	1
America: Geological Society	Bulletin No. 7	1
American Agricultural Colleges and Experimental Stations. Reports and Bulletins.	Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Cornell University, Delaware, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Ottawa, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island. South Dakota, Storr's School, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.	130
Aron, J.	Canada, Transvaal	1
Astronomer Royal, Greenwich	Cape Observations for 1856, 1857–58, 1859–60, 1871–73, 1874–76, 1879–81, 1882–84, 1885–87. Cape Catalogue for 1840, 1850, 1860, and 1885. Cape Heliometer Observations, 1881–83. Cape Annals, Vol. 1, pts. 2, 3, and 4. Vol. 2.	18
Australasian Association for the Advancement of Science.	Proceedings. Vol. 6	1
Balch, T. W.	International Courts of Arbitration. By Thomas Balch	1
Board for International Exchanges, Sydney.	Official Publications of the Argentine Republic, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chili, France, New Zealand, South Australia, United States, Uruguay, and Victoria.	822
California State Mineralogist	Bulletin No. 7	1
Canada Agricultural Department	Statistical Year Book of Canada, 1894 and 5	2
Canada: Geological Survey of	Publications of	7
Canadian Government	Archæological Report, 1894–5	1
	Statistical Year Book of Canada for 1895	1
	Quarterly Report of the Department of Trade and Commerce of Canada, to 31st March, 1896.	1
Canadian Institute	Transactions, Vol. 4, pt. 2, December, 1895	1
Canterbury College (N.Z.)	Calendar for the year 1896	
	Annual Report for 1895–6	2
Chicago Board of Trade	Annual Report for 1895	1
Christian Commonwealth Publishing Company.	Brief Comments	1
Clark, J. M.	The Functions of a Great University. By J. M. Clark	1
Cobden Club	Publications	6
Colombo Museum	Report for 1894 and 5	2
	Supplement to the Library Catalogue, pt. 2	1
Ferguson, A. M. and J.	The Tropical Agriculturist, 1894–5	1
Fitzgerald, D.	Short Description of the Boston Water-works. By D. Fitzgerald	1
Fussell, J. C.	An Inventory of the Goods, &c., of John Choldham, Esq., 1638	1
Gill, Dr.	Report of Her Majesty's Astronomer, Cape of Good Hope	1
Hobart, Council of Agriculture	*The Agricultural Gazette.* Vol. 4	1
Imperial Federation Defence Committee.	Address to Her Majesty's Ministers, The Navy, and The Colonies. By H. O. A. Forster	2
Iowa State Historical Society	Iowa Historical Record, Oct., 1895, July, 1896. History of Iowa, Nos. 5 and 6	4
Ireland, National Library of	Publications, &c.	16
Kesteven, L.	Typhoid Fever. By L. Kesteven (2 copies)	2
Leland Stanford Junior University.	Publications	3
Library Reports	Auckland, Battersea, Bolton, Brighton, Brooklyn, Cardiff, Cincinnati, Concord, Detroit, Dunedin, Enoch Pratt, Heginbottom, Leeds, Lincoln, Manchester, Mitchell, Newberry, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Norwich, Peabody Institute, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Richmond, St. George's, St. Helen's, St. Louis, St. Marten-in-the-Field, Sheffield, Victoria, Wellington, West Bromwich, Wolverhampton.	
List, N. A.	Who were the Authors of the "Arts and Science" Literature of the Ancients	1
	The Redemption of Women from the Errors of Theology	1
Liverpool, Literary and Philosophical Society of.	Proceeding of, 1889–90 to 1894–5	6
Liversidge, Prof. A.	On some N. S. Wales and other Minerals, &c.	1
Madras Government	Publications	2
Massachusetts Bureau of Statistics of Labour.	Report for 1894	1
Melbourne, Exhibition Trustees	Official Handbook	1
Melbourne University	Calendar for 1896	1
Melville, Mullen, and Slade	Melbourne University Calendar for 1897	1
Michigan, Department of State	Annual Registration Reports of Michigan Vital Statistics, 1871–1893	23
Minnesota Geological & Natural History Survey.	22nd and 23rd Annual Reports for 1893 and 4	2
Montgomery, Eleanor E.	Songs of the Singing Shepherd	1
	Pilgrim of Eternity	1
Murray, D.	An Archæological Survey of the United Kingdom. By David Murray	1
New Hampshire State Library	Annual Reports for 1894	3
	New Hampshire Laws, 1895	1
New South Wales, Colonial Secretary of.	Official Publications of Great Britain, United States, Canada, &c.	
New South Wales, Department of Public Works.	Official Publications	5
New Zealand Government	Official Publications	34
	Journal of the Legislative Council, 1895	1
New Zealand Institute	Transactions and Proceedings. Vol. 28, 1895	1
New Zealand Mines Department	Papers and Reports relating to Minerals, 1896	1

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Newspapers, Proprietors of	Yearly issue of *Advertiser* (Adelaide), *Age* (Melbourne), *Agriculturist and Review* (Jamestown), *Argus* (Melbourne), *Ballarat Courier*, *Bendigo Advertiser*, *British Australasian* (London), *British Weekly* (Edinburgh), *Canterbury Times* (Christchurch), *Cape Argus* (Capetown), *Champion* (Melbourne), *Colonial Enterprise* (London), *Colonist* (Maryborough), *Coolgardie Miner*, *Coolgardie Mining Review*, *Coolgardie Pioneer*, *Cork Examiner*, *Croydon Golden Age*, *Daily Telegraph* (Launceston), *Eagle* (Charters Towers), *Echuca and Moama Advertiser*, *Evening Star* (Dunedin), *Freeman's Journal* (Dublin), *Geraldton-Murchison Telegraph*, *Glasgow Weekly Mail*, *Guardian* (London), *Hamilton Advertiser*, *Hobart Mercury*, *Indian Daily News* (Calcutta), *Inquirer* (Perth), *Japan Weekly Mail* (Yokohama), *Kalgoorlie Miner*, *Launceston Examiner*, *Leader* (Melbourne,) *Ladies Pictorial* (London), *Mackay Chronicle*, *Mackay Mercury*, *Manchester Courier*, *Melbourne Punch*, *Mirror* (Geraldton), *Morning Herald* (Perth), *Mt. Morgan Herald*, *Murchison Times* (Cue), *Natal Witness* (Pietermaritsburg), *New York Tribune*, *New Zealand Herald* (Auckland), *New Zealand Mail* (Wellington), *New Zealand Tablet* (Dunedin), *New Zealand Times* (Wellington), *Nhill Free Press*, *North British Agriculturist* (Edinburgh), *Northern Public Opinion* (Roeburne), *North Queensland Herald* (Townsville), *North Queensland Register* (Charters Towers), *Oamaru Mail*, *Otago Witness* (Dunedin), *Portadown Record*, *Port Denison Times* (Bowen), *Polynesian Gazette* (Fiji), *Reynolds' Newspaper* (London), *Riverine Herald* (Echuca), *San Francisco Chronicle*, *Southern Cross* (Adelaide), *Standard* (London), *Standard and Diggers' News* (Johannesburg), *Telegraph* (Brisbane), *Toowoomba Chronicle*, *Week* (Brisbane), *Weekly Scotsman* (Edinburgh), *Weekly Times* (Melbourne), *West Australian* (Perth), *Western Australian Record* (Perth), *Western Champion* (Barcaldine). *Western Mail* (Perth), *Worker* (Brisbane), *World* (London), *Yarrawonga Chronicle*, *Zeehan and Dundas Herald*.	
Oliver, C. A.	Medical Pamphlets	3
Ontario, Department of Agriculture ..	Bulletins and Reports	6
Peach, Dr. H.....	The Dentists' Register, 1895	
	Medical Register for the Cape of Good Hope, 1893	1
Pennsylvania Library Department.	Laws of Pennsylvania. Sess. 1895	1
Philadelphia Library Co	Bulletins for March and September, 1896	2
Queensland Agricultural Department.	Bulletins	4
Queensland, Government Printer	Acts of Parliament, 1895	1
Radcliffe Observatory	Publications	48
Rigg, T. S. J.	Proceedings of the Society for Psychical Research	17
	Quain's Elements of Anatomy. (10th ed.) Vol. 1, pts. 1 and 2; Vol. 2, pts. 1 and 2; and Vol. 3, pts. 1 and 3.	6
	Foster's Text-book of Physiology. (5th ed.) Pts. 1-4	4
Rowland, P. F.	Oxford University, Cobden Prize Essay for 1896, &c.	1
Royal Geographical Society of Australasia. (Victorian Branch.)	Transactions. Vols. 12 and 13	1
Royal Historical Society	Transactions. Vol. 10 (n.s.)	1
Royal Humane Society of Australasia	Report for 1896	1
Royal Society, Dublin	Report, 1895	1
Royal Society of South Australia	Transactions. Vol. 16, pt. 3; Vol. 19, pt. 2	2
Royal Society of Tasmania	Papers and Proceedings 1894-5	1
Royal Society of Victoria.....	Transactions. Vol. 4, 1895	1
	Proceedings. Vol. 8 (n.s.)	1
Service, Dr. J.	Thir Notandums, &c. By J. Service	
	On the Natural and Artificial Feeding and Care of Infants. By John Service.....	1
Sherwood, G. F. T.	Genealogical Queries and Memoranda. Vol. 1, Nos. 1 and 2	2
Smithsonian Institution	Publications.....	2
South African Philosophical Society	Transactions. Vol. 8, pt. 2	1
South Australian Government...	Official Publications.....	115
South Australia, Government Astronomer.	Meteorological Observations, 1891-93	3
South Australia, Government Printer.	Acts of Parliament, 1895	1
Spencer, Prof. B.	Report, Horn Expedition to Central Australia; Ed. by Baldwin Spencer, M.A.	4
Tasmanian Government	Official Publications.....	36
Tebbutt, J.....	Pamphlets.....	18
Thomson, J. P.	Exploration in British New Guinea. By J. P. Thomson.....	1
	Transit of Mercury, 1894. By J. P. Thomson.....	1
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	Notes on "The Melanesian Plateau." By J. P. Thomson.....	1
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	The Physical Geography of Australia, &c. By J. P. Thomson	1
	Practical Suggestions to Travellers. By J. P. Thomson	1
Trader, G. H.	Rudimental Divine Science. By M. Eddy	1
	Science and Health. By M. Eddy.....	1
United States Department of the Interior.	Reports. Vols. 1, 2, and 3. 1894	3
	Report of the Commissioner of Education for 1893-94. Vols. 1 and 2.....	2
United States Department of Labour	Bulletin No. 1	1
United States Department of State ..	Consular Reports, Nos. 179-182	4
United States Patent Office	Annual Report, 1894	1
Victoria, Dairymen's and Beekeepers' Associations of.	The Australian Farm and Home. Vol. 4	1
Victorian Government	Acts of Parliament of Victoria, 1895-6	1
Victoria, Government Printer...	Official Publications.....	13
Victoria Institute	Transactions Nos. 111 and 112	2
Western Australia, Registrar-General, Perth.	Year Book for 1894-5.....	1
Wisconsin Historical Society ...	Historical Collections. Vol. 13.....	1
Woodward, H. P.....	Mining Handbook to the Colony of Western Australia.....	1
Yale University, New Haven, Conn...	Report of the President for 1895	1

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(REPORT FROM TRUSTEES FOR 1897.)

Printed under No. 2 Report from Printing Committee, 6 July, 1898.

The Trustees of the Public Library of New South Wales to The Minister for Public Instruction.

Sir, Sydney, 12 January, 1898.

The Trustees have the honor to submit their Report for the year 1897, being their Twenty-seventh Annual Report.

1. The Board have to record with regret the death of Mr. R. C. Walker on July 25th, and of Sir William Windeyer on September 11th. Mr. Walker was the first Librarian of this Library, and after twenty-four years' honorable service he retired on a pension on August 31st, 1893. He was shortly afterwards appointed a Trustee, and his long experience was of great value to the Board. He attended the meetings of the Board most regularly, and maintained a keen personal interest in the work of the Library. He was at the time of his death exercising general supervision over the Library, and acting as Secretary to the Board during the absence of Mr. Anderson in England. Sir William Windeyer was appointed a Trustee on 29th April, 1884, and always took an active interest in the work of the Board and in advancing its best interests. There now remain seven Trustees.

2. There were fifteen meetings of the Trustees during the year, the average attendance being four.

3. The general collection of books has been increased by 5,839 volumes, and after allowing for 126 volumes struck off the Lending Branch stock as worn out or lost, the total number now in the Library is 119,842. The Reference Library stock was reduced by 3,992 duplicates, which were exchanged for about 1,100 volumes suitable for the boxes issued to Country Libraries. These will be taken on stock this year. Details of the classification of the Library are given in Appendix A.

4. The Reference Library was open for 347 days, including 50 Sundays, and the attendance reached 174,887, being an increase of 757 over that of the previous year. The Lending Branch was open for 344 days, including 48 Sundays, and the total number of borrowers' visits reached 81,431, showing an increase of 503. The attendance at the Newspaper Room was 154,669, being 6,455 less than in 1896. The average week-day attendance at the Library was 1,306, and on Sundays (four hours) 400. Details are given in Appendix B.

5. In the Lending Branch the borrowers numbered 5,955, which shows a decrease of 106 on the number of the previous year. In Appendix C will be found details of the classes of books borrowed, showing for each class (*a*) the number of volumes

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volumes available at the end of the year; (*b*) the number issued during the year; (*c*) the daily average of volumes issued; (*d*) the ratio between volumes and issues. These figures show that fiction forms 12·4 per cent. of the volumes in the Lending Branch, and 32·2 per cent. of the total issues, and that each volume of fiction was borrowed on an average nearly nine times during the year.

6. The figures given in Appendix D show to what extent and in what directions the public avail themselves of the contents of the Library on Sundays.

7. During the year two new boxes of books were equipped for loan to Country Libraries, making the total number available 76; the number of volumes added to stock was 314, making a total of 6,145. There were 179 boxes containing 14,852 volumes, sent out to 99 Country Libraries. In order to overtake the demand for these parcels of books, the Trustees propose to equip at once 25 new boxes of a smaller pattern than that now in use, and calculated to hold about 50 books each.

8. The donations for the year amounted to 1,072 volumes and pamphlets, of the value of £148 9s. 11d.; and also 51 newspapers supplied regularly from Great Britain and the British Colonies for the use of the Newspaper Room. Appendix G contains the names of the principal donors. Under the Copyright Act 164 volumes and pamphlets, to the value of £27 8s. 2d., have been received, as well as 263 newspapers and periodicals published in New South Wales. There can be no doubt that publishers in this Colony are very remiss in complying with the provisions of the Copyright Act of 1879, and the Trustees are determined to take steps to enforce their rights in this matter.

9. The Newspaper Room is now supplied with 351 newspapers from different parts of the world, and has become a valuable and popular branch of the Library. The Trustees consider that this room should be comfortable and well-lighted, fitted with convenient stands, and supplied with bound volumes of some of the leading British, American, Indian, South African, and Australasian papers, with all those published in New South Wales, but they do not feel justified in recommending any expenditure on the present building, in view of the probability of its early resumption for Parliamentary purposes. They, however, feel it to be their duty to draw the Minister's attention to the increasingly uncomfortable and dangerous condition of the only room now available for this purpose.

10. The practice of lending special collections of text-books to groups of students in country districts has been continued with encouraging results, and is much appreciated by the students and the University Extension Board.

11. The work of cataloguing has gone on steadily. The Supplement for the years 1893–5 was issued during the year, and the Author Catalogue is now complete to date. The Supplement for 1896 with a very complete Index was issued early in the year. The books received during the year 1897 were catalogued week by week, and small supplements were issued four times during the year. These are now being combined with the Supplement for 1896 into one alphabet, and will be worked off with the Index as a two years' Supplement within a few weeks. The work of indexing all the books in the Library is still going on, and has proved to be a much longer task than was anticipated. Three of the senior members of the staff are engaged almost exclusively upon this important duty, and have at least another year's work before them.

12. In order to provide more room for new books, the duplicates, which had accumulated to the number of 5,215 during the twenty-seven years' existence of the Library, were picked out of stock. Any of them which were of value for special reasons were kept in duplicate, and a fair number were kept in triplicate. Tenders were invited for the remainder from three firms which were likely to deal in such stock. The tender of Messrs. Angus & Robertson—the only firm which made an offer—was accepted, and the Trustees have received about 1,100 volumes of high-class modern literature of the value of £253 in exchange for them. It is proposed to equip twenty-five new boxes with these books for loan to Country Libraries. In this way a box will be available for each institution desiring to borrow, and the present delay in supplying requisitions will be obviated. After a careful analysis of the results of the subsequent auction sale of the choicest of the duplicates, exchanged

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as before-mentioned, and with the knowledge that a large proportion of the volumes were Directories, Army and Navy Lists, and other publications of no commercial value, the Trustees are well satisfied that the exchange alluded to has been of advantage to the Library.

13. Owing to the extra demands for space in connection with Copyright administration and the editing of the Historical Records, it has been found necessary further to curtail the accommodation for special students, as distinguished from casual readers. There are now practically no facilities available for the increasing number of persons who wish to pursue special lines of research, to consult a number of books for reference purposes, or to copy plates, pictures, or drawings. The accommodation for the administrative work of the Library is quite inadequate, and the Trustees hope that the problem of providing room for the legitimate expansion of the Library's functions will engage the Minister's early attention.

14. In consequence of an invitation to the Principal Librarian to attend the Second International Library Conference in London in July last, the necessary leave of absence was granted to enable him to attend the Conference and to visit the chief Libraries of Great Britain. Mr. Anderson was absent on this duty for five months, and shortly after his return he presented a comprehensive report to the Trustees, which, after a very careful consideration by the Board at three meetings, was forwarded to the Minister for his information. The visit of the Principal Librarian to Great Britain has already been productive of great benefit to the Library at a comparatively insignificant expense, and will be of further benefit in various ways in future.

15. As the Library copy of vol. 1 of the Sydney *Gazette* (1803–4) had become illegible in parts owing to constant use, and could not be replaced, the Trustees found it necessary to have it reproduced by photo-lithography. This volume has a great value as a bibliographical curiosity, and is our greatest historical treasure. A fac-simile of it will be very welcome alike to the British Museum, to all students of early Australian History, and to book-collectors throughout the world.

16. During his visit to Great Britain the Principal Librarian secured some choice books and fac-similes of great bibliographical treasures which are worthy of a place in a National Library, and cannot be got in the Australian Colonies. The most interesting was the MS. Journal of Lieutenant Philip Gidley King of his voyage to Sydney with Governor Phillip in the "Sirius." Other noteworthy volumes are a fac-simile of the Codex Vaticanus—a MS. of the Scriptures of the Fourth Century, now in the Vatican Library—fac-similes of all the quartos of Shakespeare, and rare volumes of the earliest Tasmanian Newspapers.

17. *Expenditure for* 1897.

From the Parliamentary Votes for the year 1896–7 (£7,176), *and the current financial year ending June* 30*th*, 1898 (7,685).

Salaries—Reference Library, Historical Records, and Country Exchanges	£3,260
Salaries—Lending Branch	1,490
Salaries—Newspaper Room	132
Books, periodicals, newspapers, binding	2,378
Conveyance of books to Country Libraries, insurance, freight, book-shelves, repairs, &c.	316
	£7,576

JAMES NORTON,
President.

APPENDIX A.

NUMBER of VOLUMES in the PUBLIC LIBRARY OF NEW SOUTH WALES on the 31st December, 1897.

Synopsis of Classification.	Reference Department.		Lending Branch.		For Country Libraries.		Total.
	Added 1897.	Total.	Added 1897.	Total.	Added 1897.	Total.	
Natural Philosophy, Science and the Arts	948	13,131	126	4,288	45	1,414	18,833
History, Chronology, Antiquities, and Mythology	187	7,448	154	3,709	51	1,225	12,382
Biography and Correspondence	168	5,610	143	4,225	107	1,548	11,383
Geography, Topography, Voyages and Travels	203	7,131	93	3,710	25	1,161	12,002
Periodical and Serial Literature	1,781	27,786	.....	.....	12	59	27,845
Jurisprudence, Political and Social Economy	428	6,130	60	1,232	4	203	7,565
Theology, Moral and Mental Philosophy, and Education	314	5,836	41	1,542	3	167	7,545
Poetry and Drama	151	3,114	25	964	24	151	4,229
General Literature, Philology, and Collected Works	164	5,604	417	6,556*	41	513	12,673
Works of Reference	29	4,065	.....	.....	2	4	4,069
Duplicates	93	1,316	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,316
Total added during 1897	4,466	.....	1,059	.....	314	.....	5,839
Total Number of Volumes	.....	87,171	.....	26,226	.....	6,445	119,842

Books worn out, or lost during the year, deducted from the stock :—Lending Branch, 126.

* Including 3,240 vols. of Prose Fiction.

APPENDIX B.

NUMBER and AVERAGE of VISITS of READERS to the LIBRARY, the NUMBER of DAYS on which the LIBRARY was OPEN to the PUBLIC, and the AVERAGE NUMBER of VOLUMES USED on SUNDAYS and on WEEK-DAYS from 1st January to 31st December, 1897.

Number of VISITS for the year—

To the Reference Library	174,887
To the Lending Branch	81,431
To the Newspaper Room	154,669
Total	410,987

Total Visits to the Reference Library on Week-days	167,270	On Sundays ...	7,617
Total Visits to the Lending Branch on Week-days	77,207	On Sundays ...	4,224
Total Visits to the Newspaper Room on Week-days	146,490	On Sundays ...	8,179
Daily average of Visits to the Reference Library on Week-days	563	On Sundays ...	152
Daily average of Visits to the Lending Branch on Week-days	261	On Sundays ...	88
Daily average of Visits to the Newspaper Room on Week-days	482	On Sundays ...	160

Total number of Days that the REFERENCE LIBRARY was open (including 50 Sundays)	347
Total number of Days that the LENDING BRANCH was open (including 48 Sundays)	344
Total number of Days that the NEWSPAPER ROOM was open (including 51 Sundays)	355

Average number of VOLUMES used on SUNDAYS—

Reference Library (from 2 to 6 o'clock p.m.)	195
Lending Branch (from 2 to 6 o'clock p.m.)	95
Total	290

Average number of VOLUMES used on WEEK-DAYS—

Reference Library (from 10 o'clock a.m. to 10 o'clock p.m.)	1,689
Lending Branch (from 10 o'clock a.m. to 9 o'clock p.m.)	299
Total	1,988

Summary of VISITS to the Library, 1869–1897 :—

1869 (three months—1 Oct. to 31 Dec.)	17,006	1884 (eleven months)	161,877
1870	59,786	1885	165,715
1871	60,165	1886	168,685
1872	48,817	1887 (closed three months for moving)	139,203
1873	76,659	1888	149,425
1874 (eleven months)	57,962	1889	132,983
1875	66,900	1890	155,822
1876	72,724	1891	173,205
1877 (Lending Branch first opened)	124,688	1892	197,255
1878	117,047	1893	216,089
1879 (Exhibition open)	152,036	1894 (Newspaper Room opened)	330,431
1880	134,462	1895	409,064
1881	136,272	1896	416,182
1882 (eleven months)	133,731	1897	410,987
1883	155,431		

APPENDIX C.

Classes of Books borrowed from the Lending Branch of the Public Library of New South Wales, from 1st January to 31st December, 1897.

No. of days open.	No. of Tickets issued to Borrowers.	No. of Borrowers' visits.	Synopsis of Classification of Reading.	No. of Vols. available.	No. of issues.	Daily average of Vols. issued, including Sundays.	Ratio of Vols. to issues
			Natural Philosophy, Science and the Arts	4,288	10,112	29·4	1:2·3
			History, Chronology, Antiquities, and Mythology	3,709	8,873	25·8	1:2·3
			Biography and Correspondence	4,225	7,868	22·9	1:1·8
			Geography, Topography, Voyages and Travels	3,710	12,031	35·0	1:3·2
344	5,955	81,431	Jurisprudence, Political and Social Economy	1,232	1,657	4·8	1:1·3
			Mental and Moral Philosophy, and Education	1,542	3,134	9·1	1:2·0
			Poetry and Drama	964	2,482	7·2	1:2·5
			General Literature	3,316	13,816	40·1	1:4·1
			Prose Works of Fiction	3,240	28,510	82·9	1:8·8
			Total	26,226	88,484	257·2	1:3·3

APPENDIX D.

Classes of Books read, the Number of Volumes used, and the Number of Visits to the Libraries on Sundays during the year 1897.

No. of Sundays open.	No. of Visits.	Daily average of Visits.		No. of Volumes available.	No. of Volumes used.	Daily average of Vols. used on Sundays.
			Reference Library.			
			Natural Philosophy, Science, and the Arts	13,131	1,467	29·5
			History, Chronology, Antiquities, and Mythology	7,448	861	17·2
			Biography and Correspondence	5,610	967	19·3
			Geography, Topography, Voyages and Travels	7,131	848	16·9
			Periodical and Serial Literature	27,786	1,307	26·1
50	7,617	152	Jurisprudence, Political and Social Economy	6,130	509	10·2
			Theology, Moral and Mental Philosophy, and Education	5,836	252	5·0
			Poetry and Drama	3,114	491	9·8
			General Literature, Philology, and Collected Works	5,604	2,309	46·2
			Works of Reference	4,065	756	15·1
			Total	85,855	9,767	195·3
			Lending Branch.			
			Natural Philosophy, Science, and the Arts	4,288	652	13·6
			History, Chronology, Antiquities, and Mythology	3,709	483	10·0
			Biography and Correspondence	4,225	426	8·9
			Geography, Topography, Voyages and Travels	3,710	721	15·0
48	4,224	88	Jurisprudence, Political and Social Economy	1,232	99	2·1
			Mental and Moral Philosophy, and Education	1,542	178	3·7
			Poetry and Drama	964	123	2·6
			General Literature	3,316	495	10·3
			Prose Works of Fiction	3,240	1,397	29·1
			Total	26,226	4,574	95.3

APPENDIX E

NUMBER of BOXES of BOOKS BORROWED from the PUBLIC LIBRARY of NEW SOUTH WALES, SYDNEY, by COUNTRY LIBRARIES, with NUMBER OF VOLS. ISSUED, during the year 1897.

Town.	Institution.	No. of Boxes borrowed.	No. of Vols. issued.	Town.	Institution.	No. of Boxes borrowed.	No. of Vols. issued.
Aberdeen	School of Arts	2	190	Laurieton	School of Arts	1	70
Alstonville	School of Arts	2	167	Lismore	School of Arts	1	88
Armidale	School of Arts	2	141	Lithgow	School of Arts	3	225
Balgownie	School of Arts	2	138	Manilla	School of Arts	1	88
Ballina	School of Arts	2	139	Marsden's	School of Arts	2	155
Bellinger Heads	School of Arts	1	90	Menangle	School of Arts	2	196
Bermagui	Mechanics' Institute	2	180	Merriwa	Mechanics' Institute	2	137
Berrima	School of Arts	1	85	Metz	School of Arts	2	158
Berry	School of Arts	2	173	Minmi	School of Arts	2	161
Bowna	Mechanics' Institute	2	155	Mittagong	School of Arts	2	133
Bowral	School of Arts	2	161	Moree	School of Arts	1	58
Broadmeadow	School of Arts	3	251	Moss Vale	School of Arts	3	255
Brushgrove	School of Arts	2	163	Mount Kembla	Reading Room	3	278
Bungendore	School of Arts	1	89	Nambucca Heads	School of Arts	2	158
Burragan	Mechanics' Institute	1	81	Narellan	Mechanics' Institute	2	180
Captain's Flat	School of Arts	2	173	Newcastle	School of Arts	2	166
Casino	School of Arts	2	153	North Ryde	School of Arts	1	86
Central Tilba	Public Library	2	180	Nowra	School of Arts	2	174
Cobargo	School of Arts	1	90	Parramatta	School of Arts	2	161
Coolamon	School of Arts	1	86	Plattsburg	Mechanics' Institute	2	170
Copeland	School of Arts	2	197	Port Macquarie	School of Arts	2	174
Coraki	School of Arts	2	157	Richmond	School of Arts	1	89
Corowa	School of Arts	3	215	Rockdale	School of Arts	1	85
Cowra	School of Arts	1	89	Sackville Reach	School of Arts	2	187
Crookwell	School of Arts	1	85	Seven Hills	Literary Society	3	274
Dudley	Mechanics' Institute	2	155	Smedmore	School of Arts	1	85
Dungog	Mechanics' Institute	2	169	South Grafton	School of Arts	2	132
East Maitland	Mechanics' Institute	2	186	Stockton	School of Arts	2	189
Eden	School of Arts	2	163	Sutherland	School of Arts	1	87
Eugowra	School of Arts	2	179	Taree	School of Arts	2	131
Galston	Mechanics' Institute	3	262	Tenterfield	School of Arts	2	177
Glenhaven	Mechanics' Institute	2	145	Thornleigh	School of Arts	2	178
Glenreagh	School of Arts	1	109	Tocumwal	School of Arts	1	77
Gosford	School of Arts	2	154	Toongabbie	School of Arts	2	178
Grafton	School of Arts	1	67	Walcha	School of Arts	2	157
Granville	School of Arts	2	155	Waratah	School of Arts	2	177
Grenfell	School of Arts	1	90	Wellington	Public Library	2	160
Greta	School of Arts	3	264	West Maitland	School of Arts	2	131
Gulgong	Free Public Library	2	162	West Wallsend	School of Arts	2	150
Gundagai	Mechanics' Institute	2	164	Wickham	School of Arts	2	184
Gunnedah	School of Arts	2	174	Wilcannia	Athenæum	1	62
Guyra	School of Arts	1	98	Wollar	Mechanics' Institute	2	159
Harden	Mechanics' Institute	2	194	Wollongong	School of Arts	1	108
Helensburgh	School of Arts	1	78	Wollongong	Library	2	137
Hornsby Junction	School of Arts	2	153	Woonona	School of Arts	2	156
Inverell	School of Arts	1	79	Wyalong	School of Arts	1	56
Jerilderie	School of Arts	2	159	Yass	Mechanics' Institute	2	187
Jindera	School of Arts	2	172	Young Wallsend	School of Arts	2	195
Kangaroo Valley	School of Arts	3	278				
Kenthurst	School of Arts	1	73		Total	179	14,852
Kiama	School of Arts	2	183				

APPENDIX F.

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APPENDIX G.

List of Donations received during 1897.

By whom Presented.	List of Donations received.	Vols.
Adelaide University	Calendar for 1897	
Agent-General for New South Wales.	Foreign Office List, 1897	1
	Colonial Office List, 1897	1
American Agricultural Colleges and Experimental Stations. Reports and Bulletins.	Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Cornell University, Delaware, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Ottawa, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Storr's School, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.	131
Amos, Alex.	Transactions of the Institute of Engineers and Ship Builders in Scotland, vols. 30–40	11
Anderson, H. C. L.	Burns Centenary, 21st July, 1896. Record of the Celebration	3
Australian Museum	Annual Report for 1896	1
	Records, vol. 3, No. 2 Memoir 3. Atoll of Funafuti, Parts 2–5	4
Australian Mutual Provident Society.	48th Annual Report, 1897	1
Australian Wesleyan Methodist Church.	New South Wales Conference. Minutes of the 24th Annual Conference, 1897	1
Barton, G. B.	Notes on Australian Federation, &c. By G. B. Barton	1
Bell, M.	Charles Whitehead: a forgotten Genius. By Mackenzie Bell	1
Bevill, Fred. E.	The Female Suffrage Movement	1
Bimetallic League of New South Wales.	Pamphlets	21
Board for International Exchanges.	British and Foreign Official and other Publications	540
Boys' Brigade	Report for 1895–96	1
British Columbia Government	Publications	4
California Mining Bureau	Publications	5
California, University of	Report of the Commissioner of Education, 1895–6, Vol 1	1
Canada, Geological Survey of	Map	1
Canadian Government	Official Publications	6
Canadian Institute	Proceedings, Vol. 1, Part. 1	1
Canterbury College (N.Z.)	Calendar for the year 1897	1
Ceylon Government	Administration Report, 1896	1
Chase, Silas B.	The Meat Industry. By S. B. Chase	1
Chicago Fire Marshal	Report of, for 1896	1
Crane, Crane, & Co.	Buyer's Guide of the United Kingdom	1
Edinburgh Public Library	Catalogues	5
Freemasons' Benevolent Institution.	Report for 1896–7	1
Geological Survey of Canada	Annual Report. New Series, Vol. 8, 1895, and Map	2
Gordon & Gotch	Chronicle and Directory for China, &c., 1896	1
Grant, John	Charlotte Corday. By Mrs. R. K. Van Alstine	1
Healey, C.	Lettres Calédoniennes, &c. Par M. Louis Pelatan	1
Hinton, Miss	Home Rule for Home Reading	1
	Guide to the Contents of the Australian Museum, 1890	1
	Report of the New South Wales Aborigines Protection Association, 1893–94	1
Innes, R. T. A.	A New Quadruple Stellar System. By R. T. A Innes	1
	New Double Stars found at the Cape Observatory, 1896	1
Iowa State Historical Society	Iowa Historical Record, 1896	6
Jamaica, Institute of	Journal of the Institute for July, 1897	1
Keen, W. F.	The New Age, October 24th, 1897	1
King, F. W. N.	Revista del Instituto Paraguayo, February, 1897	1
	Review of the River Plate, 29th May, 1897	1
Leland Stanford Junior University.	Publications	2
Long, Messrs. J. & Co.	"People's Friend" for 1896	29
Library Reports	Ashton-under-Lyne, Auckland, Baillie's Institute, Battersea, Birmingham, Bolton, Boston, Brooklyn, Cardiff, Denver, Detroit, Dunedin, Enoch Pratt, Leeds, Liverpool, Los Angelos, Manchester, Maryborough, Newcastle, Peabody Institute, Portsmouth, Richmond, St. George's, St. Helen's, St. Louis, Stirling's (Glasgow), Victoria, Wellington, West Bromwich.	
Literary and Philosophical Society of Liverpool.	Proceedings, Vol. 51, 1896–97	1
MacDonnell, W. J.	Perpetual Calendar	1
Madras Government	Report on Public Instruction in the Madras Presidency for 1895 and 1896	1
Manchester, Rev. Alfred	In Memoriam: Caleb Davis Bradlee, &c.	1
Manchester Geological Society	Transactions, Vol. 25, Part 7, 1896–7	1
Massachusetts General Hospital	The Semi-Centennial of Anæsthesia	1
Massachusetts, State of	Publications	3
Mather and Crowther, Limited	Practical Advertising	1
Mathews, R. H.	Pamphlets on the Aborigines of Australia	14
Melbourne University	Calendar for 1898	1
Minnesota Farmers' Institute	Annual, No. 9	1
Minnesota Historical Society	Collections, Vol. 8, Part 2	1
Mullens, G. L., M.D.	New South Wales as a Health Resort. By G. L. Mullins, M.A., M.D.	
Muséum D'Histoire Naturelle	Géologie des Indes Anglaises	1

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By whom Presented.	List of Donations received.	Vols.
Newspapers, Proprietors of	Yearly issue of *Advertiser* (Adelaide), *Age* (Melbourne), *Argus* (Melbourne), *Ballarat Courier*, *Bendigo Advertiser*, *British Australasian* (London), *British Weekly* (Edinburgh), *Canterbury Times* (Christchurch), *Cape Argus* (Capetown), *Charlesville Times*, *Charter's Towers Herald*, *Colonial Enterprise* (London), *Coolgardie Miner*, *Coolgardie Pioneer*, *Cork Examiner*, *Croydon Golden Age*, *Daily Telegraph* (Launceston), *Echo* (Camden, New Zealand), *Echuca and Moama Advertiser*, *Evening Star* (Dunedin), *Fiji Colonist and Levuka Gazette*, *Freeman's Journal* (Dublin), *Geraldton-Murchison Telegraph*, *Gladstone Observer*, *Glasgow Weekly Mail*, *Guardian* (London), *Hamilton Advertiser*, *Hobart Mercury*, *Independent* (Cooktown), *Indian Daily News* (Calcutta), *Inquirer* (Perth), *Japan Weekly Mail* (Yokohama), *Kalgoorlie Miner*, *Launceston Examiner*, *Leader* (Bundaberg), *Leader* (Melbourne), *Ladies' Pictorial* (London), *Mackay Chronicle*, *Mackay Mercury*, *Manchester Courier*, *Melbourne Punch*, *Mirror* (Geraldton), *Morning Post* (Cairns), *Morning Herald* (Perth), *Mt. Morgan Herald*, *Murchison Times* (Cue), *Natal Witness* (Pietermaritsburg), *New York Tribune*, *New Zealand Herald* (Auckland), *New Zealand Tablet* (Dunedin), *New Zealand Times* (Wellington), *Nkill Free Press*, *North British Agriculturist* (Edinburgh), *Northern Public Opinion* (Roeburne), *North Queensland Register* (Charters Towers), *Oamaru Mail*, *Otago Witness* (Dunedin), *People's Journal* (Dundee), *Port Denison Times* (Bowen), *Reynolds' Newspapers* (London), *Riverine Herald* (Echuca), *Samoa Herald*, *Settler* (Maryborough), *San Francisco Chronicle*, *Southern Cross* (Adelaide), *Standard* (London), *Standard and Diggers' News* (Johannesburg), *Telegraph* (Brisbane), *Weekly Scotsman* (Edinburgh), *Weekly Times* (Melbourne), *West Australian* (Perth), *Western Australian Record* (Perth), *Western Mail* (Perth), *Worker* (Brisbane), *World* (London), *Yarrawonga Chronicle*, *Zeehan and Dundas Herald*.	
New South Wales, Chief Secretary of.	Official Publications of Great Britain, France, Natal, &c.	57
New South Wales Co-operative Alliance.	Pamphlets	68
New South Wales Department of Lands.	Larmer's "Native Vocabulary"	1
New South Wales Department of Mines and Agriculture.	Official Publications, &c.	5
New South Wales Department of Public Instruction.	The Oakshaw Annual for 1897	1
New South Wales Department of Public Works	Publication	1
	Railway Plans	2
New South Wales Government Printer.	Report on Canadian Archives; by D. Brymner, 1882–93, 1895–96	10
New South Wales Treasury Department.	Institut International de Bibliographie Bulletin, Nos. 1–6	3
New York State Geologist	Report for 1894	1
New Zealand Government	Official Publications	12
New Zealand Institute	Transactions of 1896	1
New Zealand Pharmacy Board	Pharmaceutical Register, 1897	1
Ontario Department of Agriculture.	Annual Report of Bureau of Industries, Ontario, 1895	1
Queensland Government	Official Publications	7
Religious Tract Society.....	Old Samoa, &c.; by Rev. J. B. Stair	1
Reynolds, A. J. G.	Pamphlets on Harvard University	3
Rio de Janeiro Bibliotheca National.	Brazilian Official Publications	19
Royal Colonial Institute	Proceedings, vol. 27, 1895–6	1
Royal Geographical Society ..	Publications	11
Royal Humane Society of Australasia.	Report for 1897	1
Royal Institute of British Architects.	Kalendar, 1897–8	1
	Journal, 4th part	1
Royal Observatory, Cape of Good Hope.	Publications	2
Royal Observatory, Greenwich	Publications	3
Royal Society of Queensland ...	Proceedings, vol. 12	1
Royal Society of South Australia	Transactions, vols. 20, 21	2
Royal Society of Victoria.....	Proceedings of, vol. 10; new series	1
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Smithsonian Institute	Annual Report for 1894	1
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South Australian Agricultural Bureau.	Journal of Agriculture and Industry of South Australia, Vol. 1, Nos. 1 and 2	2
South Australian Government...	Publications	12
Swedenborg Society	Heaven and Hell. By E. Swedenborg. (In Arabic)	1
Sydney University.....	Calendar for 1897	1
	Commemoration Address, 1st May, 1897	1
Tasmanian Government	Agricultural Bulletin, No. 6	1
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Trinity College, Melbourne	Calendar for 1897	1
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Department of Labour	Bulletin, 1896. Report for 1895–6	3
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Victoria Institute	Transactions, Vol. 29	...
Victorian Assembly	Votes and Proceedings, 1896	4
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THE PUBLIC LIBRARY OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

(REPORT FROM TRUSTEES FOR 1898.)

Printed under No. 3 Report from Printing Committee, 23 March, 1899.

The Trustees of the Public Library of New South Wales to The Minister for Public Instruction.

Public Library of New South Wales,
Sydney, 8 February, 1899.

Sir,

The Trustees have the honor to submit their Report for the year 1898, being their twenty-eighth Annual Report.

1. The general collection of books has been increased by 7,174 volumes, but it has been found necessary to strike off 2,606 volumes from the Lending Branch stock as worn out or lost since its formation, leaving the total number now in the Library as 124,401. Details of the classification of the Library are given in Appendix A.

2. The Reference Library was open for 353 days, including 51 Sundays, and the attendance was 176,879, being an increase of 1,992 over that of the previous year. The Lending Branch was open for 345 days, including 50 Sundays, and the total number of borrowers' visits reached 85,436, showing an increase of 4,005. The attendance at the Newspaper Room for 357 days, including 51 Sundays, was 162,170, being 7,501 more than in 1897. The average daily attendance at the Library was, on weekdays, 1,338, and on Sundays (4 hours) 387. Details are given in Appendix B.

3. In the Lending Branch the borrowers numbered 6,348, being 393 more than in the previous year. Each borrower used, on an average, nearly 15 books during the year. In Appendix C will be found details of the classes of books used, showing for each class (*a*) the number of volumes available at the end of the year; (*b*) the number issued during the year; (*c*) the daily average of volumes issued; (*d*) the ratio between volumes and issues. These figures show that fiction forms 9·3 per cent. of the volumes in the Lending Branch, and 34·6 per cent. of the total issues; and that each volume of fiction was borrowed, on an average, 14 times during the year. The fiction of the Lending Branch has been very carefully selected, and comprises only the choicest works of the best authors in that department of literature.

4. The figures given in the Appendix D show to what extent and in what directions the public avail themselves of the contents of the Library on Sundays.

5. During the past year 25 new boxes of books were equipped for loan to country libraries and groups of students, making the total number now available 101; the number of volumes added to the stock was 1,094, making the total 7,539. These new boxes, holding from 40 to 50 books each, are not much more than half the size of the old ones, and this is found to be such an improvement that it is proposed to cut down the old boxes to the same size and increase the number so that there may be a box for every applicant. There were 231 boxes, containing 17,253 volumes, sent to 112 country centres, and these boxes travelled no less than 81,303 miles.

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The Trustees are of opinion that this branch of their educational work is worthy of every encouragement, and that these boxes have been the means of extending knowledge, intellectual pleasure, and brightness to many homes, and of relieving the dreariness and monotony of the lives of many persons living in the remoter parts of the Colony; and they would be glad to see the number of boxes largely increased, so that even the remotest villages and groups of settlers and young people growing up on the soil may eventually be reached. Appendices E and F give further details.

6. The donations for the year numbered 3,098 volumes and pamphlets, of the value of £716 9s., besides 104 newspapers, comprising 12,374 individual issues, which were gratuitously supplied by the proprietors from Great Britain and the British Colonies for the use of the Newspaper Room. Appendix H contains the names of the principal donors, amongst which the most notable is the British Museum, which has generously presented copies of the whole of its very valuable publications. Under the Copyright Act 394 volumes and pamphlets, 21 photographs, and 7 maps, to the value of £42 16s. 9d., were received, as well as 273 newspapers, comprising 22,240 issues, published in New South Wales. Every effort has been made to impress publishers with their obligations to the Library under the Copyright Act of 1879, but many of them are still very remiss in complying with its provisions.

7. The Newspaper Room is now regularly supplied with 377 newspapers, numbering last year 34,614 single issues, from Great Britain, United States, Canada, South Africa, India, Fiji, Samoa, Japan, and all the Australasian Colonies. The average daily attendance has been 505, but this number will probably be doubled under the more favourable conditions in prospect for the coming year. Hitherto the copy of each provincial paper received in terms of the Copyright Act has been made available at once for daily use in the room, but only a few of the leading country newspapers have been filed and bound for future reference. The proprietors have been asked to supply two copies of their papers, so that one may be available for use in the room, and the other bound for future service in the Reference Library. The Trustees recognise the fact that complete files of all the newspapers published in New South Wales should be kept in the National Library, as they will be of great value in future years, and may be procurable nowhere else, not even in the proprietors' offices.

8. As far as the resources of the Library will allow, everything possible has been done to encourage students in country districts, and the scientific and rarer works in the Lending Branch, together with any duplicates in the Reference Library, have been as freely lent to country students as to those in the metropolitan district.

9. The work of cataloguing has gone on steadily. Typewritten lists of the more popular books were posted in the vestibule every month, and the quarterly lists containing all accessions were printed by our own staff and promptly made available in the Reading Rooms. These quarterly lists are now being incorporated with the existing two-years' supplement for 1896–7, the type of which has been kept standing, and thus a three-years' supplement for 1896–8 will shortly be available, of which a limited number of copies will be struck off and bound for the use of the public and the library staff. This process will be repeated for two more years, at the end of which time there will be a five-years' supplement, consisting of about 1,000 pages. It will then probably be expedient to print it off, and commence another. This current supplement contains a full catalogue of authors, with a copious Subject Index. The system here described is found to suit our conditions admirably, for it enables us to have printed catalogues of our books always up to date, available for the public and the Library Staff; and at the same time it obviates the serious difficulty of having a number of small supplements in use. Three senior members of the staff are still engaged for the greater part of their time in indexing the Library, and grouping the whole of the books in the Reference Library under about 6,000 appropriate subject-headings, so that students may be able to discover at once not only what books but what chapters of books, magazine articles, and scientific papers hidden in the proceedings of Australasian scientific societies, on any important subject of human thought and knowledge, are obtainable in this Library.

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In order to ensure perfect uniformity of method and economy of labour the Principal Librarian has compiled and published a "Guide to the System of Cataloguing," which gives the rules for cataloguing and indexing adopted in this Library, and the list of subject headings now in use, showing very fully by cross-references how different sections are correlated, and what choice has been made between synonymous and variant headings. It is encouraging to know that the most favourable criticisms on the value of this work have been received from the principal libraries of Great Britain and the United States, and that it has already proved to be of great service in many other libraries besides our own, for the benefit of which it was primarily compiled.

10. On 17th October an intimation was received from Mr. David Scott Mitchell, M.A., Barrister-at-Law, of his determination to bequeath his magnificent Australasian collection of 30,000 books, pictures, maps, engravings, manuscripts, autographs, and photographs to the Library on condition that the Government would take early steps to erect a suitable building for a National Library, and make provision therein for keeping the collection by itself, and making it freely available for students of Australasian history. The Minister for Public Instruction (Hon. J. A. Hogue, M.P.) conveyed to Mr. Mitchell the Government's grateful acceptance of the gift, and as soon as a site has been definitely chosen it is hoped that steps will be taken for the erection of a building suited to the future requirements of the National Library of this growing Colony. In this connection it is worthy of note that the present Premier (Hon. G. H. Reid, M.P.), carried a motion in the Legislative Assembly in March, 1881, in opposition to the Ministry of the day, in favour of building a new library on the site of the old Immigration Barracks, now called Chancery Square. In 1879 the Parliament had voted the sum of £150,000 for a new library, and in August, 1880, the Trustees made a special report in favour of the site afterwards approved by the Legislative Assembly. On 20th June, 1883, the Hon. G. H. Reid, M.P., then Minister for Public Instruction, informed the Trustees that "the Government had determined to erect a Free Public Library on a block of Crown land at the top of King-street, where the Immigration Barracks, District Court, and the Colonial Architect's office now stand." The Trustees at once assured the Minister of their entire satisfaction "that the position of the site had been finally chosen, and that one so suitable in every respect had been found." The Board now, after a lapse of sixteen years, again express the opinion that no more suitable site can possibly be chosen for a National Library.

Mr. Mitchell has lately intimated his keen desire to see some adequate provision made for his collection at once, and that he is prepared to hand over 15,000 volumes as soon as practicable, in order to make room for the accessions which he is continually making.

The monetary value of this library cannot be estimated, though it has been valued at £100,000 by gentlemen entitled to express an opinion; but it is of peculiar interest to this country, for it contains many works and manuscripts of unique value, and the addition of it to our own very good Australasian collection will make this Library pre-eminently the Library of Australasia, and one of the large special libraries of the world.

Mr. Mitchell is daily enriching his collection with treasures gathered from all parts of Australasia, and from London, the great market for all kinds of bibliographical rarities, and as he has now become our ally instead of our rival, our limited resources are relieved from the heavy cost of supplementing our Australasian collection.

10. In consequence of the representations of the Trustees as to the condition of the old building used during the past fourteen years for the Lending Branch and the Newspaper Room, the Minister has made arrangements with the City Council for the lease of two large, convenient, and well-lighted rooms in the Queen Victoria Market Buildings for four years, from 1st January, 1899. It is believed that the sphere of usefulness of these branches will be thereby much enlarged, and we trust the Minister will see his way to make adequate provision for maintaining their operations in a manner worthy of the city of Sydney and of the best traditions of the large libraries of Great Britain and America. With an increased clientéle there will necessarily be a demand for more copies of all the most popular books, and heavier expenses for binding.

11. The question of binding has become a very pressing one, and demands special consideration. As the Library grows the expense for binding grows in a still greater ratio, for the new books must be bound and old ones re-bound. After much consideration, the Trustees have determined, so far as regards the Reference Library, to bind the most valuable books in half-morocco, the common ones in half-pegamoid, and to leave the new ones in their original bindings as long as possible; but, as many of them, especially donations from other countries, are sent in paper covers, it is necessary to bind them before they can be allowed to go into use. It has been found expedient to re-stitch and bind in half-pegamoid all new books intended for the Lending Branch and country boxes.

As the Government Printer cannot undertake to bind for the Library more than 1,800 volumes a year, the Trustees hope the Minister will make special provision in the next Estimates for the binding of all the circulating books by some private firm able to do the work well and promptly. The estimated requirements for the current year will be—

Reference Library	...	...	1,762 vols. (including newspapers).
Lending Branch...	...	...	1,620 ,,
Country boxes ...	...	...	380 ,,
Total...	...	...	3,762

Assuming that the binding for the Reference Library is all done by the Government Printer, the extra cost of keeping the volumes in the Lending Branch and country boxes in a satisfactory condition will be £200 for the year.

12. The annual stock-taking in December showed that 503 volumes were missing from the original stock of the Reference Library, as compared with 481 at the close of 1897. It is evident that some persons are illegally removing books from the Library, for books which are found to be missing at the monthly checkings of the shelves are found replaced on the shelves some months later. Every effort is being made to detect and make an example of some of the offenders, in order to deter others from such disgraceful conduct.

During the year one man was caught in the act of stealing a Library book, and received three months' imprisonment. Another man was prosecuted for damaging a book issued to him from the Lending Branch, and had to pay the value of the book, £1 10s.

The stock-taking of the Lending Branch showed that 2,606 volumes had been lost, worn out, or damaged beyond repair since its opening fourteen years ago. These have been struck off stock, and our aim will be to keep the present collection complete and in good condition, rather than to attempt to largely increase it with our limited means.

13. It has been found expedient to make two special reserves in the Reference Library, and to provide that books included therein may be referred to only on written application, viz. :—

(*a*) Books of special value demanding exceptional care.
(*b*) Books which should not be indiscriminately issued to all classes of readers.

In the great reference libraries of the Old World no book whatever is issued except on written requisition; and this system has been found to be very useful in helping library authorities to trace damages and losses.

14. The experience of the past fourteen years has convinced the Trustees that it is necessary to initiate a system of fines, to be imposed on borrowers who keep books beyond the specified period, for this habit has grown to such an extent as to be an annoyance to the great body of borrowers, and a cause of much extra work to the staff.

A set of more stringent regulations was drawn up and approved by the Trustees for formal submission to the Attorney-General, but he reported that the Trustees, not being a corporate body, had no power to make or enforce such regulations. This emphasises the necessity of incorporating the Library, as has been done with every similar institution in the world, and the Trustees hope that the Minister will

will take an early opportunity of introducing the necessary Bill authorising the Trustees to hold this Library in trust and to receive bequests, and to administer all property entrusted to them.

15. A suggestion was received from the Public Works Department that some of the electric power generated in the Government Printing Office might be utilised for lighting the Library, and it was represented that the cost of installation (£230) would be saved in a year, as the extra annual cost incurred would be very small. The Trustees cordially approved, as the electric light is admittedly the ideal light for a library; but provision for this work has yet to be made in the Estimates.

16. The indicator now in use in the Lending Branch having become obsolete and useless for the latest methods of library economy, the Trustees determined to adopt the latest model obtainable from Great Britain, and asked for the purchase of Chiver's Indicator for 30,000 volumes, but regret to learn that the Public Service Tender Board cannot at present supply the necessary funds—£200. It is not possible to work a Lending Library, where open access to the shelves is not allowed, in the most efficient manner without a good indicator, which not only shows the public what books are at present available, but also greatly helps the Library Assistants in their routine work.

17. The Library Association of Australasia, which was formed in Melbourne in 1896, held its first general meeting in Sydney, in October 1898. The Trustees had pleasure in assisting the meeting by every means in their power, and are confident that much good to the Library movement in this country has resulted from the Association's operations. The best country libraries have been brought into closer touch with this the National Library and with each other, and the outcome must be generally beneficial.

18. On August 31st Mr. M. F. Cullen, the Librarian of the Lending Branch, was transferred by the Public Service Board to an important position in the Government Printing Office, and Mr. F. M. Bladen, who had already been attached to the Library Staff as Editor of the Historical Records, was appointed to the position.

19. *Expenditure for* 1898.

From the Parliamentary Votes for the year 1897–8 (£7,685) *and the current financial year ending June* 30*th*, 1899 (£7,545).

Salaries—Reference Library, Historical Records, Registry of Copyright, and Country Exchanges	£3,502
Salaries—Lending Branch	1,435
Salaries—Newspaper Room...	140
Books, periodicals, newspapers, binding	1,554
Conveyance of books to Country Libraries, insurance, freight, book-shelves, repairs, Library appliances, telephones, type-writers, boxes, &c.	502
	£7,133

JAMES NORTON,
President.

APPENDIX A.

NUMBER of VOLUMES in the PUBLIC LIBRARY OF NEW SOUTH WALES on the 31st December, 1898.

Synopsis of Classification.	Reference Department.		Lending Branch.		For Country Libraries.		Total.
	Added 1898.	Total.	Added 1898.	Total.	Added 1898.	Total.	
Natural Philosophy, Science and the Arts	949	14,080	148	4,175	117	1,531	19,786
History, Chronology, Antiquities, and Mythology	233	7,678	143	3,654	174	1,399	12,731
Biography and Correspondence	174	5,784	124	4,019	230	1,778	11,581
Geography, Topography, Voyages and Travels	202	7,333	72	3,703	169	1,330	12,366
Periodical and Serial Literature	1,662	29,447	.....	.....	19	78	29,525
Jurisprudence, Political and Social Economy	295	6,418	56	1,274	121	324	8,016
Theology, Moral and Mental Philosophy, and Education	329	6,165	47	1,580	43	210	7,955
Poetry and Drama	155	3,269	31	880	42	193	4,342
General Literature, Philology, and Collected Works	374	5,978	105	5,061*	175	688	11,727
Works of Reference	138	4,203	.....	.....	4	8	4,211
Duplicates	843	2,161	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,161
Total added during 1898	5,354	.....	726	.....	1,094	.....	.....
Total Number of Volumes	.....	92,516	.....	24,346	.....	7,539	124,401

Books worn out or lost during the past fourteen years, deducted from the stock :—Lending Branch, 2,606.

* Including 2,277 vols. of Frose Fiction.

APPENDIX B.

NUMBER and AVERAGE of VISITS of READERS to the LIBRARY, the NUMBER of DAYS on which the LIBRARY was OPEN to the PUBLIC, and the AVERAGE NUMBER of VOLUMES USED on SUNDAYS and on WEEK-DAYS from 1st January to 31st December, 1898.

Number of VISITS for the year—

To the Reference Library	176,879
To the Lending Branch	85,436
To the Newspaper Room	162,170
Total	424,485

Total Visits to the Reference Library on Week-days	168,784	On Sundays ...	8,095
Total Visits to the Lending Branch on Week-days	81,305	On Sundays ...	4,131
Total Visits to the Newspaper Room on Week-days	154,716	On Sundays ...	7,454
Daily average of Visits to the Reference Library on Week-days	559	On Sundays ...	159
Daily average of Visits to the Lending Branch on Week-days	274	On Sundays ...	82
Daily average of Visits to the Newspaper Room on Week-days	505	On Sundays ...	146

Total number of Days that the REFERENCE LIBRARY was open (including 51 Sundays)	353
Total number of Days that the LENDING BRANCH was open (including 50 Sundays)	345
Total number of Days that the NEWSPAPER ROOM was open (including 51 Sundays)	357

Average number of VOLUMES used on SUNDAYS—

Reference Library (from 2 to 6 o'clock p.m.)	214
Lending Branch (from 2 to 6 o'clock p.m.)	89
Total	303

Average number of VOLUMES used on WEEK-DAYS—

Reference Library (from 10 o'clock a.m. to 10 o'clock p.m.)	1,677
Lending Branch (from 10 o'clock a.m. to 9 o'clock p.m.)	299
Total	1,976

Summary of VISITS to the Library, 1869–1898 :—

1869 (three months—1 Oct. to 31 Dec.)	17,006	1884 (eleven months)	161,877
1870	59,786	1885	165,715
1871	60,165	1886	168,685
1872	48,817	1887 (closed three months for moving)	139,203
1873	76,659	1888	149,425
1874 (eleven months)	57,962	1889	132,983
1875	66,900	1890	155,822
1876	72,724	1891	173,205
1877 (Lending Branch first opened)	124,688	1892	197,255
1878	117,047	1893	216,089
1879 (Exhibition open)	152,036	1894 (Newspaper Room opened)	330,431
1880	134,462	1895	409,064
1881	136,272	1896	416,182
1882 (eleven months)	133,731	1897	410,987
1883	155,431	1898	424,485

APPENDIX C.

Classes of Books borrowed from the Lending Branch of the Public Library of New South Wales, from 1st January to 31st December, 1897.

No. of days open.	No. of Tickets issued to Borrowers.	No. of Borrowers' visits.	Synopsis of Classification of Reading.	No. of Vols. available.	No. of issues.	Daily average of Vols. issued, including Sundays.	Ratio of Vols. to issues.
345	6,348	85,436	Natural Philosophy, Science and the Arts	4,175	10,566	30·6	1:2·5
			History, Chronology, Antiquities, and Mythology	3,654	9,415	27·3	1:2·6
			Biography and Correspondence	4,019	8,246	23·9	1:2·0
			Geography, Topography, Voyages and Travels	3,703	11,616	33·7	1:3·1
			Jurisprudence, Political and Social Economy	1,274	1,802	5·2	1:1·3
			Mental and Moral Philosophy, and Education	1,580	3,293	9·5	1:2·1
			Poetry and Drama	880	2,600	7·5	1:3·0
			General Literature	2,784	13,069	37·9	1:4·7
			Prose Works of Fiction	2,277	32,078	92·9	1:14·1
			Total	24,346	92,685	268·5	1:3·8

APPENDIX D.

Classes of Books read, the Number of Volumes used, and the Number of Visits to the Libraries on Sundays during the year 1897.

No. of Sundays open.	No. of Visits.	Daily average of Visits.	Reference Library.	No. of Volumes available.	No. of Volumes used.	Daily average of Vols. used on Sundays.
51	8,095	159	Natural Philosophy, Science, and the Arts	14,080	1,530	30·0
			History, Chronology, Antiquities, and Mythology	7,678	882	17·3
			Biography and Correspondence	5,784	1,012	19·8
			Geography, Topography, Voyages and Travels	7,333	845	16·6
			Periodical and Serial Literature	29,447	1,426	28·0
			Jurisprudence, Political and Social Economy	6,418	543	10·7
			Theology, Moral and Mental Philosophy, and Education	6,165	394	7·7
			Poetry and Drama	3,269	690	13·5
			General Literature, Philology, and Collected Works	5,978	2,586	50·7
			Works of Reference	4,203	1,032	20·2
			Total	90,355	10,940	214·5
			Lending Branch.			
50	4,131	82	Natural Philosophy, Science, and the Arts	4,175	606	12·1
			History, Chronology, Antiquities, and Mythology	3,654	464	9·3
			Biography and Correspondence	4,019	418	8·3
			Geography, Topography, Voyages and Travels	3,703	630	12·6
			Jurisprudence, Political and Social Economy	1,274	142	2·8
			Mental and Moral Philosophy, and Education	1,580	169	3·4
			Poetry and Drama	880	140	2·8
			General Literature	2,784	411	8·2
			Prose Works of Fiction	2,277	1,487	29·7
			Total	24,346	4,467	89·2

APPENDIX E

Number of Boxes of Books borrowed from the Public Library of New South Wales, Sydney, by Country Libraries, with number of vols. issued, during the year 1898.

Town.	Institution.	No. of Boxes borrowed.	No. of Vols. issued.	Town.	Institution.	No. of Boxes borrowed.	No. of Vols. issued.
Aberdeen	School of Arts	2	180	Kenthurst	School of Arts	3	263
Alstonville	School of Arts	2	167	Kiama	School of Arts	2	113
Armidale	School of Arts	3	213	Koppin Yarratt	School of Arts	2	85
Auburn	Literary Institute	1	47	Largs	School of Arts	1	41
Balgownie	School of Arts	3	250	Laurieton	School of Arts	2	162
Ballina	School of Arts	3	271	Lismore	School of Arts	3	239
Bellingen	School of Arts	2	179	Lithgow	School of Arts	3	227
Bermagui	Mechanics' Institute	2	160	Macksville	School of Arts	1	88
Berrima	School of Arts	2	185	Manilla	School of Arts	2	159
Berry	School of Arts	2	143	Menangle	School of Arts	1	88
Blayney	School of Arts	1	109	Merriwa	Mechanics' Institute	2	168
Bodangora	School of Arts	1	98	Metz	Mechanics' Institute	3	189
Bomen	Experimental Farm	1	80	Millthorpe	Mechanics' Institute	3	255
Bowral	School of Arts	2	165	Mittagong	Mechanics' Institute	3	205
Broadmeadow	School of Arts	2	85	Moree	Mechanics' Institute	2	128
Bullahdelah	School of Arts	2	156	Moss Vale	Mechanics' Institute	2	165
Bungendore	School of Arts	2	183	Mount Kembla	Reading Room	2	161
Burrawang	School of Arts	1	46	Nambucca Heads	School of Arts	3	277
Captain's Flat	School of Arts	1	86	Newcastle	School of Arts	2	116
Carcoar	School of Arts	2	155	North Ryde	School of Arts	3	289
Cobargo	School of Arts	1	90	Nowra	School of Arts	2	137
Collector	School of Arts	1	91	Parramatta	School of Arts	1	43
Cooma	School of Arts	1	67	Plattsburg	Mechanics' Institute	3	213
Copeland	School of Arts	2	138	Port Macquarie	School of Arts	2	131
Coraki	School of Arts	3	228	Queanbeyan	School of Arts	3	211
Cowra	School of Arts	3	252	Quirindi	School of Arts	3	184
Crookwell	School of Arts	2	162	Richmond	School of Arts	2	129
Cundletown	School of Arts	2	94	Rockdale	School of Arts	2	176
Dubbo	Mechanics' Institute	2	175	Ryde	School of Arts	1	59
Dudley	Mechanics' Institute	3	252	Sackville	School of Arts	2	177
Dungog	Mechanics' Institute	3	217	St. Albans	Literary Society	2	166
East Maitland	Mechanics' Institute	3	200	Seven Hills	Literary Society	2	158
Eden	School of Arts	2	195	Smedmore	School of Arts	2	138
Emmaville	Mining Institute	2	112	Smithtown	School of Arts	1	93
Forbes	Mechanics' Institute	3	184	Somersby	School of Arts	3	211
Galston	Mechanics' Institute	2	89	South Grafton	School of Arts	3	271
Glenhaven	Mechanics' Institute	2	147	Stockton	School of Arts	2	157
Glenreagh	School of Arts	3	264	Taree	School of Arts	2	178
Gosford	School of Arts	2	167	Thornleigh	School of Arts	1	85
Grafton	Mechanics' Institute	2	85	Toongabbie	School of Arts	3	215
Granville	School of Arts	2	145	Ulmarra	School of Arts	2	95
Greta	School of Arts	3	190	Walcha	School of Arts	2	109
Gulgong	Free Public Library	2	126	Waratah	School of Arts	3	261
Gundagai	Literary Institute	2	103	Wellington	Public Library	2	192
Gunnedah	School of Arts	2	178	West Kempsey	School of Arts	2	170
Gunning	School of Arts	1	88	West Wallsend	School of Arts	2	138
Harden	Mechanics' Institute	2	167	West Wyalong	School of Arts	1	56
Helensburgh	School of Arts	3	225	Wickham	School of Arts	3	198
Hillgrove	School of Arts	1	58	Wollongong	Town Hall	3	229
Hinton	School of Arts	1	66	Wolumla	School of Arts	1	86
Horsesby Junction	School of Arts	3	249	Woodburn	School of Arts	1	83
Jamberoo	School of Arts	2	129	Woonona	School of Arts	3	203
Jasper's Brush	School of Arts	2	101	Wyong	School of Arts	2	161
Jerilderie	School of Arts	2	179	Yass	Mechanics' Institute	2	140
Jindera	School of Arts	1	86	Young Wallsend	School of Arts	2	151
Kadina	Reading Room	1	88				
Kangaroo Valley	School of Arts	2	86		Total	231	17,253

APPENDIX F.

No. of Miles each Box Travelled during 1898.

Box.	No. of Miles.	Box.	No. of Miles.	Box.	No. of Miles.	Box.	No. of Miles.	Box.	No. of Miles.
1	278	22	1,362	43	716	64	332	85	760
2	1,888	23	850	44	700	65	442	86	792
3	428	24	314	45	592	66	798	87	882
4	366	25	526	46	316	67	696	88	862
5	688	26	1,442	47	1,226	68	170	89	974
6	1,614	27	698	48	368	69	1,054	90	918
7	1,424	28	336	49	1,656	70	682	91	926
8	956	29	800	50	742	71	1,384	92	522
9	590	30	1,352	51	1,094	72	808	93	218
10	628	31	578	52	746	73	1,066	94	848
11	126	32	1,350	53	1,334	74	266	95	676
12	948	33	798	54	564	75	462	96	862
13	556	34	1,170	55	1,352	76	996	97	604
14	1,102	35	1,184	56	636	77	938	98	1,246
15	904	36	216	57	578	78	510	99	950
16	1,090	37	1,170	58	662	79	294	100	24
17	1,156	38	156	59	2,106	80	988	101	192
18	942	39	416	60	80	81	402		
19	1,038	40	652	61	1,676	82	798	Total	81,303
20	496	41	248	62	1,668	83	552		
21	994	42	1,570	63	560	84	330		

APPENDIX G.

Trustees.

The Hon. James Norton, LL.D., M.L.C. (*President*).

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Principal Librarian and Secretary:—Henry C. L. Anderson, M.A.
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Agents:—Messrs. Angus and Robertson, 89 Castlereagh-street, Sydney.

APPENDIX H.

LIST of Donations received during 1898.

By whom Presented.	List of Donations received.	Vols.
Aberdeen Public Library	Catalogue of the Lending Department	1
Academy of Science, Chicago	Annual Report for 1896	1
	Lichen Flora of Chicago. By W. W. Calkins	1
Agent-General for New South Wales.	The Foreign Office List, 1898	1
	The Colonial Office List, 1898	1
American Agricultural Colleges and Experimental Stations. Reports and Bulletins.	Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Cornell University, Delaware, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missisippi, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Ottawa, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Storr's School, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.	140
Amos, Alex.	Transactions of the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders in Scotland. Vol. 41	1
Anderson, H. C. L.	Rules and List of Members of the Greenock Burns Club	1
	Evanelia, Luka. I. Teretereia (St. Luke's Gospel)	1
	Story of the First Baptisms in the New Guinea Mission	1
	Transactions, &c., of the Second International Library Conference, 1897	1
	"Rome Seen in a Week"	1
Auckland Institute	Annual Report, 1897–8	1
Australasian Institute of Mining Engineers.	Transactions. Vols. 1–5	5
Australasian Student Christian Union.	"The Australasian Intercollegian" for 1898	1
Australian Museum	Memoir 3. "Atoll of Funafuti"	1
	Records. Vol. 3, Nos. 3 and 4	2
	Catalogue of Australian Birds. Parts 1 and 2	2
Australian Mutual Provident Society.	49th Annual Report	1
Astronomer Royal	Greenwich Observations, 1894	1
	Cape of Good Hope Observatory Publications	5
Babbage, E. H.	Babbage's Calculating Engines	1
Bateman, W.	Australian Produce. By W. Bateman	1
	The Colonist. By W. Bateman	1
Bladen, F. M.	The N.S. Wales Government Printing Office, 1894	1
Board for International Exchanges.	British and Foreign Official and other Publications	1,304
Board of Trade, Chicago	40th Report, 1897	1
Boston Public Library	Catalogue of New Books for 1896–7	1
Bowdoin College (Maine)	General Catalogue, &c., 1794–1894	1
Boyce, Rev. F. B.	Augustine and the Evangelization of England	1
British and Foreign Bible Society.	Parts of the Bible in Polynesian Languages	23
	93rd Report of	1
British Columbia Government	Publications	4
British Museum	Publications	261
Butler, W. F.	Millennial Dawn. By C. T. Russell. Vols. 1–3	3
Canada, Geological Survey of	Publications	2
Canterbury College, New Zealand	Calendar for 1898	1
Cobden Club	Free Trade Pamphlets	6
Colenso, Rev. W. (F.R.S.)	A Maori-English Lexicon	1
Colombo Museum	Reports, 1897	1
Fawcett, J. W. R.	Life and Labours of Right Rev. Wm. Broughton	1
	The Australian Anthropologist. Vol. 1	1
	Narrative of a Cyclone	1
	Songs of the Australian Bush	1
Fiji Government	Blue Book for 1897	3
Grant, John (Edin.)	Curiosities of Olden Times	1
Gullick, W. A. (Government Printer).	Seneca, Works of	1
	Douglas Jerrold's Shilling Magazine	1
Guthrie, K. S.	The Soteriology of Jesus	1
	Faith and Reason	1
	Philosophy of Plotinos	1

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By whom Presented.	List of Donations received.	Vols
Hennessy, J. D.	"An Australian Bush Track" (2 copies)	
	"The Dis-Honourable" (2 copies)	
	"A Lost Identity" (2 copies)	
	"Wyunum" (2 copies)	
	"The New-Chum Farmer" (2 copies)	
Jamaica, Institute of	Annual Report for 1897	1
Kernot, Prof. W. C.	On Some Common Errors	1
Lawrence, Rev. F.	Pamphlets on Burial, Funeral, &c., Reform	4
Leland Stanford Junior University.	Calendar, 1897–8	1
Library Bureau	"Public Libraries," Vol. 3, January and February, 1898	2
Library Reports	Ashton-under-Lyne, Auckland, Baillie's Institute, Battersea, Birmingham, Bolton, Boston, Brooklyn, Cardiff, Carnegie (Pittsburgh), Denver, Detroit, Dundee, Dunedin, Enoch Pratt, Hamilton, Hobart, Launceston, Leeds, Leyton, Lincoln, Liverpool, Los Angeles, Manchester, Maryborough, New York, Newberry, Newcastle, Newcastle (N.S.W.), Norwich, Peabody Institute, Philadelphia, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Reading, Richmond, St. George's, St. Helen's, St. Louis, Sheffield, South Australia, Stirling's (Glasgow), Victoria, Victoria (Perth), Wellington, West Bromwich.	47
Liversidge, Prof. A. (M.A.)	Miscellaneous Publications	9
Lloyd, L.	Miscellaneous Parliamentary Papers, &c.	389
McGill University	Publications	29
Madras Government	Official Publications	2
Manchester Free Library	Quarterly Record, Nos. 1 and 2	2
Maunder, E. W.	The Recent Eclipse and Note on the Zodiacal Light	2
Melbourne University	Calendar for 1899	1
"Metaphysician," Proprietors of	The "Metaphysician," Vol. 1	1
Millar, Thomas Lockhart	Collection of Australian Books and Pamphlets	24
Miller, W. Val.	Pamphlets on Co-operation	6
N.S. Wales Government	Publications	563
New Zealand Government	Official Publications	12
New Zealand Institute	Trans. and Proceedings of, for 1897. Vol. 30	1
Newark (N.J.) Public Library	Plans of Public Library, Newark, N.J.	1
Newspapers, Proprietors of	Yearly issue of *Advertiser* (Adelaide), *Age* (Melbourne), *Argus* (Melbourne), *Australian Pastoralists' Review* (Sydney), *Ballarat Courier*, *Bendigo Advertiser*, *Bible Echo* (Melbourne), *British Australasian* (London), *British Weekly* (Edinburgh), *Canterbury Times* (Christchurch), *Cape Argus* (Capetown), *Charleville Times*, *Charters Towers Herald*, *Chronicle* (Bulawayo), *Colonial Enterprise* (London), *Coolgardie Miner*, *Coolgardie Pioneer*, *Cork Examiner*, *Critic* (Adelaide), *Croydon Golden Age*, *Daily Telegraph* (Launceston), *Echo* (Camden, New Zealand), *Echuca and Moama Advertiser*, *Evening Post* (Wellington), *Evening Star* (Dunedin), *Fiji Colonist and Levuka Gazette*, *Freeman's Journal* (Dublin), *Geraldton-Murchison Telegraph*, *Gladstone Observer*, *Glasgow Weekly Mail*, *Guardian* (London), *Hamilton Advertiser*, *Hobart Mercury*, *Observer* (Hughenden), *Independent* (Cooktown), *Indian Daily News* (Calcutta), *Inquirer* (Perth), *Japan Weekly Mail* (Yokohama), *Kalgoorlie Miner*, *Launceston Examiner*, *Leader* (Bundaberg), *Leader* (Melbourne), *Ladies' Pictorial* (London), *Lloyd's Weekly* (London), *Mackay Chronicle*, *Mackay Mercury*, *Manchester Courier*, *Melbourne Punch*, *Mirror* (Geraldton), *Morning Post* (Cairns), *Morning Herald* (Perth), *Mt. Morgan Herald*, *Murchison Times* (Cue), *Natal Witness* (Pietermaritsburg), *New York Tribune*, *New Zealand Herald* (Auckland), *New Zealand Tablet* (Dunedin), *New Zealand Times* (Wellington), *Nhill Free Press*, *North British Agriculturist* (Edinburgh), *Northern Public Opinion* (Roeburne), *North Queensland Register* (Charters Towers), *Omaru Mail*, *Otago Witness* (Dunedin), *Patriot* (Bundaberg), *People's Journal* (Dundee), *Pioneer* (Allahabad), *Port Denison Times* (Bowen), *Reynolds' Newspapers* (London), *Rhodesia Herald* (Salisbury, S. Africa), *Riverine Herald* (Echuca), *Samoa Herald*, *Settler* (Toowoomba), *San Francisco Chronicle*, *Southern Cross* (Adelaide), *Standard* (London), *Standard and Diggers' News* (Johannesburg), *Weekly Scotsman* (Edinburgh), *Weekly Times* (Melbourne), *West Australian* (Perth), *West Australian Record* (Perth), *Western Argus* (Kalgoorlie), *Western Mail* (Perth), *Worker* (Brisbane), *World* (London), *World* (Vancouver), *World* (New York), *Yarrawonga Chronicle*, *Zeehan and Dundas Herald*.	
Ontario Government	Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1897	2
Padley, James	Pamphlets on Vegetarianism	26
	Pamphlets on Co-operation	20
	Paddington Public Library Catalogue	1
	Annual Circular Price List	1
	Manual of New Zealand History	1
	Homœopathic Vade Mecum. By Dr. Ruddock	1
	Squires' Companion to the British Pharmacopœia	1
	Wild Flowers of Gt. Britain	1
	Western Australia in 1896	1
	Bernardi, G. B. de. Trials and Triumphs of Labour	1
	Donnelly, I. The Golden Bottle	1
	Brown, J. Ednie. Report on Forests of Western Australia	1
	A.B.C. Year Book for 1897	1
Pennsylvania, University of	Publication	1
Phipson, E. A.	"View in Old South Wales." (Oil Painting)	1
	How to establish Australia's Prosperity	1
Pinschof, Carl	The "Credit Foncier" System	1
Plummer, J.	Pamphlets on Co-operation	74
	"The Avenue." Vol. 1	1
Queensland Government	Official Publications	22
Rae, John (M.A.)	Thirty-five Years on the New South Wales Railways	1
Rennie, Z. C.	The Roof of Australia	1
Royal Geographical Society of Australasia. (Victoria.)	Trans. Vol. 15	1
Royal Historical Society	Transactions. New Series. Vol. 12	
Royal Institute of British Architects.	Journal of. Vol. 5. 3rd Series	1
Royal Mint, Sydney	Elouis, C. Tables for Standarding Gold	1

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By whom Presented.	List of Donations received.	Vols.
Royal Observatory, Greenwich	Official Publications	3
Royal Society of Queensland	Proceedings. Vol. 13. 1898	1
Royal Society of South Australia	Transactions. Vol. 22	2
Royal Society of Tasmania	Papers of. 1898	1
Royal Society of Victoria	Proceedings of. Vol. 10	1
Russell, S.	Some Astronomical Records in Ancient Chinese Books	1
Ruthning, H. L. E.	Pamphlets on Co-operation	8
Sadler, Ralph	The Apocalypse of St. John done into Modern English, &c.	1
	Malâkî, My Angel	1
	The Book of Ayub	1
St. Louis Mercantile Library	Reference Lists for 1898	1
Sharpe, Dr. W.	Humanity and the Man	1
	Niagara and Khandalla	1
Smithsonian Institution	Official Publications	3
South Australian Government	Official Publications	8
Sydney and Suburban Co-operative Society.	Publication	1
Sydney Chamber of Commerce	Annual Report for 1897-8	1
Sydney University	Manual of Public Examinations for 1899	1
	Catalogue of the Greek and Etruscan Vases	1
Tangye, Sir R. (F.R.G.S.)	Some Peculiar Beggars. By Sir R. Tangye	1
	The Cromwellian Collection. Vol. 1. By Sir R. Tangye	1
	English Notes for American Circulation. By Sir R. Tangye	1
	Tales of a Grandfather. By Sir R. Tangye	1
	Photograph of Sir R. Tangye	1
Tasmanian Government	Publications	5
Taylor, S. (M.A.)	A System of Sight-singing	1
Tebbutt, John	Report of Mr. Tebbutt's Observatory	1
	Results of Meteorological Observations, 1891–1897	1
Terry, W. H.	Spiritualism. By J. W. Edmonds and Dr. G. T. Dexter	2
Tepper, John G. O. (F.L.S.)	The Influence of Vegetation on Climate and the Rainfall	1
	On Leaves, Flowers, Fruit. By J. G. O. Tepper	1
Thompson, Dr. J. Ashburton	Leprosy in Hawaii, &c. By J. A. Thompson, &c.	1
United States Government	Publications	21
Velde, C. Van de	The Sugar-Beet Industry	1
Victoria Institute	Journal of the. Vol. 30. 1898	1
Victorian Government	Official Publications	65
Walch, C. E.	A Sermon by the Rev. G. Clarke	1
Walker, J. T.	Notes on Federal Finance	1
	Remarks on Federal Finance	1
	The Federation of British Australasia	1
West Australian Government	Official Publications	25
Windeyer, Lady M.	Progress in Women's Education in the British Empire	1
Wisconsin, Free Library	Handbook of 1897	1
	Pamphlet *re* Free Travelling Libraries	4

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(REPORT OF TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR 1899.)

Presented to Parliament, pursuant to the provisions of the "Library and Art Gallery Act, 1899."

Printed under No. 1 *Report from Printing Committee,* 26 *June,* 1900.

The Trustees of the Public Library of New South Wales to The Minister for Public Instruction.

Public Library of New South Wales,
Sydney, 14 March, 1900.

Sir,

In accordance with the provisions of "The Public Library and Art Gallery Act, 1899," the Trustees beg to submit their Report for the year 1899, being the twenty-ninth Annual Report of the Institution.

1. There were fourteen meetings of the Trustees during the year, the average attendance being between five and six. In March seven additional Trustees were appointed, viz., The Chancellor of the Sydney University (Hon. Dr. Henry Norman MacLaurin, M.A., M.D., M.L.C.) *ex officio;* Professor Tannett William Edgeworth David, B.A., F.G.S.; Professor Thomas Butler, B.A.; Hon. John Hughes, M.L.C.; Hon. Alexander Kethel, M.L.C.; Lachlan John Brient, Esquire; William Wood, Esquire.

The attendances were as follow:—Hon. James Norton, LL.D., 12; Hon. J. F. Burns, 12; Hon. A. Kethel, 8*; Hon. J. Hughes, 7*; Professor W. M. Macallum, 6; A. Oliver, Esq., 6; Professor T. Butler, 5*; Hon. H. N. MacLaurin, 5*; Hon. E. Greville, 4; Prof. T. W. E. David, 4*; W. Wood, Esq., 3*; L. J. Brient, Esq., 1*; Hon. P. G. King, 1; Hon. E. Barton, 0.

2. The general collection of books has been increased by 20,144 volumes; from the Reference Library stock 41 volumes have been struck off; and from the Lending Branch 260 volumes; leaving the total now in the Library as 144,244. Details of the classification of the books are given in Appendix A.

3. The Reference Library was open for 352 days, including 51 Sundays, and the attendance was 183,760, showing an increase of 6,881 over that of the previous year. The Lending Branch was open for 307 days, including 22 Sundays, and the total number of borrowers' visits reached 106,159, being an increase of 20,723 over the number for 1898. The attendance at the Newspaper-room for 351 days, including

* Appointed in March.

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including 52 Sundays, was 264,359, which shows the large increase of 102,189, equal to 63 per cent. over the figures for the previous year. The average daily attendance at the Library was 1,811 on week-days, and 365 on Sundays (four hours). Details are given in Appendix B.

4. In the Lending Branch the borrowers numbered 8,675, being an increase of 2,327, equal to nearly 37 per cent. over the number for the previous year. Each borrower used, on the average, 14 books during the year. In Appendix C will be found details of the classes of books used, showing for each class—

(*a*) The number of volumes available at the end of the year.
(*b*) The number issued during the year.
(*c*) The daily average of volumes issued.
(*d*) The ratio between volumes and issues.

These figures show that fiction forms 13·7 per cent. of the total volumes in the Lending Branch, and 34·9 per cent. of the total issues, and that each volume of fiction was borrowed, on an average, nearly 11 times during the year. It may be pointed out that, although the percentage of issues of fiction seems large, it is small compared with that shown in the reports of Municipal Lending Libraries and subscription libraries, where the percentage generally varies between 80 and 90. Among the total 3,588 volumes of fiction, most of the popular standard works, such as those of Scott, Dickens, Thackeray, Stevenson, and George Eliot, are represented by a number of copies ranging from 2 to 15, and, consequently, there are altogether only 1,040 separate works of fiction in the collection.

5. The figures given in Appendix D show to what extent, and in what direction, the public avail themselves of the contents of the Library on Sundays. The Trustees, with the concurrence of the Minister for Public Instruction, closed the Lending Branch on Sundays, upon its removal to new quarters, in June.

6. During the past year 60 new boxes were made and equipped with books for loan to country libraries and groups of students in remote districts, making the total number of travelling libraries now available 161; the number of volumes added to stock was 1,720, making the total 9,259. The 77 old boxes which have hitherto been in circulation have been temporarily withdrawn, such of the books as have proved unsuitable for this class of students, and those which have become obsolete, have been taken out of the boxes, and their places are being supplied with more modern books and good useful literature of a more popular character than the original works, which were sent out fifteen years ago. The change has been much appreciated, and the whole of the books now being sent out are read more or less, as the condition of the volumes abundantly proves. There is now a box of books available for each Country Library desiring to borrow, consequently there will be little delay in future in supplying demands for loans.

There were 233 boxes, containing 14,155 volumes, sent to 130 country centres, and these boxes travelled no less than 90,283 miles, one having travelled 2,226 miles during the year, and 21 of them over 1,000 miles each.

The Trustees are of opinion that the appropriation of £300, made by Parliament for this object, has done much educational work in the country districts, and has been the means of extending knowledge and intellectual pleasure, and of enkindling nobler ambitions in many thousands of readers in every part of the Colony; and they venture to hope that this branch of their work will be yet much more extended till every hamlet in this Colony may be able to share in the benefits derivable from this national Library.

Appendix E gives further details of this branch of the Library's operations.

7. The donations for the year have assumed generous proportions owing to the splendid gift of 10,024 volumes, with fifty pictures and engravings, made by David Scott Mitchell, Esq., M.A., as a first instalment of his unrivalled Australian collection. Mr. Mitchell, having made certain simple conditions as to the accommodation of his library, and the regulations which should govern admission to it, the Minister notified his acceptance of them on behalf of the Government, and Mr. Mitchell

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Mitchell at once gave the Trustees an earnest of his generous intentions towards the Library in this first donation of books worth fully £6,000. The total donations for the year amounted to 13,658 volumes and 50 pictures, of the estimated value of £6,595; also 107 volumes of newspapers, comprising 13,270 single parts, and valued at £83, which were presented by the proprietors in Great Britain and the Australasian Colonies for current use. Under the Copyright Act of 1879 the Library received 237 volumes and pamphlets, 14 photographs, and 10 maps, valued at £40; also 302 sets of newspapers and magazines, comprising 21,934 single issues, and valued at £207.

The question of preserving and binding files of these newspapers is one that demands special attention. Many of them are of comparatively little value, but they contain the local records of the development of their respective districts, and may, therefore, be of great interest in future years. At the present time Mr. James Bonwick, F.R.G.S., who is searching for and transcribing the materials for the early history of Australia only a century ago, finds frequent references to newspapers of the beginning of this century, but cannot find files of the papers in the proprietors' offices, nor even in the great national collection of the British Museum. The Trustees, recognising the potential value of complete files of papers from all the country districts of New South Wales, asked each of the proprietors to co-operate with them by presenting a copy of each issue besides the one supplied in terms of the Copyright Act, in order that one might be presently available to the public in the Newspaper-room, and the other preserved and bound for future use. The proprietors to the number of one hundred and thirty have responded to this invitation, and consequently the Trustees are able to bind complete files of their papers, and they also preserve all the others in as complete a state as is possible after a week's use in the Newspaper-room.

8. The Newspaper-room was supplied during last year with 413 newspapers, numbering 35,204 single issues, of which 111 were received from Great Britain, the Australasian Colonies, India, South Africa, Fiji, Samoa, Japan, Canada, and the United States. The daily average attendance was 864 on week-days, and 113 on Sunday afternoons. The appreciation of the change of quarters is shown in the increase of 63 per cent. in the attendance for the whole year.

9. In June the Trustees entered upon possession of their new rooms in the Queen Victoria Market Buildings, and the results have been very gratifying in every way. The two large rooms rented from the Municipal Council of Sydney are bright, commodious, and centrally situated. The Newspaper-room has been fitted with suitable reading-desks, and an undesirable class of visitors has been almost entirely banished merely by removing the chairs, thereby encouraging only the visits of persons who wish to refer to the newspapers for short periods, and not to lounge and doze in library chairs for a few lazy hours. The attendance increased by 124 per cent. during the latter half of the year. The collection of books in the Lending Branch has been strengthened by the addition of 2,145 volumes of popular current literature, and there has consequently been an influx of new borrowers to the extent of 37 per cent. and the issues have increased by 44 per cent.

10. The work of cataloguing the latest additions to the Library has gone on steadily. A supplement, with a complete subject-index for the books added to the Reference Library during the years 1896-8, was issued during the year. The whole of the books received during 1899 were catalogued and printed on slips by our own staff month by month; these slips were promptly available to the public, and the printed catalogue of the Library has in that way been kept up to date.

The Trustees have received encouraging testimony to the value of the system of cataloguing now being pursued in this Library in the form of a highly appreciative letter from Mr. G. K. Fortescue, of the British Museum, and in the applications of the leading libraries of Great Britian and America for as many as 160 copies of the Guide to the System of Cataloguing in our Reference Library. The criticisms which have appeared in all the Library Journals, and the acknowledgments from the Librarians of the largest libraries in England and the United States, have been uniformly friendly and laudatory.

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It has been found advisable to compile a new catalogue for the Lending Branch, to consist of two parts, covering respectively the periods 1877–85 and 1886–98, which will supersede the existing catalogue and seven supplements. A copious subject-index has been compiled for the use of students which will be printed as early as possible. Meanwhile the two catalogues of authors satisfy the requirements of most of the borrowers.

11. The question of binding is a very important one in all libraries, and is now an urgent one in this Library. It is obvious that as the Library grows in size and usefulness the expense for binding must grow in a still greater ratio, for many of the new books have to be bound before they can be made available to the public, and the old ones in due course demand rebinding. During the past year 4,631 volumes were bound—1,502 for the Reference Library, 1,810 for the Lending Branch, and 1,319 for the Travelling Libraries. Of this total only 1,492 volumes of newspapers, magazines, and periodicals were bound by the Government Printer, and the small Special Vote of £100 for binding did not meet the expense of binding more than one quarter of those needed for the Lending Branch and Travelling Libraries; consequently about £300 of the very moderate amount voted for new books had to be expended in rebinding the old books. Many thousands of books in the Reference Library are still in the paper covers and other temporary bindings in which they were originally received. The merely ordinary wear and tear of these books soon destroys them, and the Trustees hope that provision will be made in the next Estimates for covering all books in the Library with some strong but cheap form of binding. The absolutely necessary binding for a library of 120,000 volumes, such as this, used by 290,000 readers, cannot be carried out for less than £1,000 a year, even allowing for only the cheapest form of strong binding for 90 per cent. of the books.

12. Owing to the Special Vote granted by Parliament, the Trustees have been able to procure a Chivers Indicator for the Lending Branch, which, it is confidently hoped, will prove of great service to the public, and will greatly reduce the mechanical work of the staff. Some steel presses of the latest pattern have been got from the United States, where great attention has been paid to such mechanical contrivances. Our experience of them will be of service when the time comes for making specifications for a new building.

13. In response to a letter sent to some of the leading British and American publishers, 992 volumes of very suitable literature for the Travelling Libraries were received from twelve of them—Messrs. G. Bell and Sons, the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, Blackie and Sons, C. A. Pearson (Limited), Boston Book Co., Religious Tract Society, Routledge and Sons, Kegan Paul, Trench, Trübner, & Co., Williams and Norgate, Blackwood and Sons, Harper and Bros., McMillan & Co.; while seven others offered handsome discounts, ranging from 25 to 60 per cent. on any of their publications that the Trustees might wish to choose for loan to country students. This generosity will enable the Trustees to equip twenty new boxes with modern high-class literature, which will prove very acceptable to the small country libraries. They will be distinguished by the respective names of the publishers who have so kindly presented them.

14. Mr. D. S. Mitchell having intimated his intention of endowing this Library with sufficient means to enable the Trustees to permanently maintain the excellence of its Australasian department, the necessity of providing for the incorporation of the Trustees became urgent. Mr. Mitchell wished to bequeath to the Trustees his whole collection, together with an endowment which would enable them to keep on adding to the collection as opportunity might arise, and to accumulate the revenue of a series of years, if necessary, in order to secure unique treasures or collections of Australian literature.

In March I urged the Minister to introduce a Bill to incorporate the Trustees and providing for the necessary powers. In November the Attorney-General (Hon. B. R. Wise, M.P.) introduced a Bill for this purpose, which was passed as "The Public Library and Art Gallery Act" on 29th December. This Act gives the Trustees powers to deal with bequests, and to make by-laws relating to the internal administration of the Library, and endows it with £2,000 per annum for the purchase of books. It will, doubtless, be of great service to the welfare of the institution.

15. At the same time I pressed on the Minister the urgent necessity of choosing a site for the new building that must soon be erected to accommodate the rapidly-growing national collection, as well as the Mitchell Library, of 35,000 volumes, which will need a separate wing. The present building is in every way unsuitable for the main purposes of a large public library, and its awkward construction makes it impossible to administer it in accordance with the best principles of library economy. In certain departments it is already crowded, so that many books, more especially the bound volumes of newspapers, cannot be provided with shelf-room, but are stacked in piles wherever odd corners of space can be found.

Some classes ought to be rearranged on some more scientific basis than that adopted thirty years ago, when library administration was not systematically studied; but it is impossible, in this cramped building, to remove the thousands of volumes and simplify their arrangement as the Librarian would like to do. About two years hence all parts of the building—galleries and basement—will be absolutely packed full of presses of books, with only 2 feet passages between them, and it will be impossible to find a book in most parts of the building without some artificial light. As it is impracticable to extend the present building, it is an urgent matter that steps should be taken at once to choose a site for a new library, and to prepare plans for a suitable building which will serve the needs of generations to come. The collection of books has reached such a stage of development that it demands a much larger basis of arrangement, and much wider functions as an educational institution, than were contemplated when the present site was granted to the Australian Subscription Library in 1842. When the original building on this site was completed, it was one of the leading architectural features of Sydney, and its public lecture hall was the centre of the city's intellectual life, providing the meeting-place for the Philosophical Society, the University Debating Club, and all high-class lectures and scientific meetings. The present building is quite unworthy of the Sydney of to-day, and the institution is not able to expand in legitimate spheres of educational usefulness.

The Trustees would again urge the necessity for early consideration of the best method of dealing with this important matter.

16. The Trustees regret that no provision was made on the last Estimates for a salary for some competent person to catalogue the section of the Mitchell Library (10,024 volumes) already handed over to them. Meanwhile the books have been placed on shelves and are properly cared for in a separate building adjoining the Library, which was formerly the Principal Librarian's residence; but it has been impossible to commence to classify them, or to arrange them according to any orderly plan, and they are therefore practically useless to the public for whom they are intended. It is hoped that the Government will be able to provide on the next Estimates the modest salary of £150 suggested for a Cataloguer for the Mitchell Library.

17. The Trustees would place on record the terms of the resolution in which they conveyed to Mr. Mitchell their thanks for his munificent gift and generous intentions for the future :—

The Trustees of the Public Library of New South Wales having carefully examined the donation of 10,024 books and 50 pictures and engravings, presented to this library by Mr. David Scott Mitchell, M.A., desire to place on record their high appreciation of the very great importance of this splendid gift to the people of New South Wales. They recognise that these books are specially useful as supplementing the present collection, and will be of inestimable value to future students of literature, history, language, and fine arts. This public-spirited generosity being unprecedented in Australia will probably stimulate other Australians to follow the example set them by Mr. Mitchell, to the enrichment of our Public Libraries, and a marked increase of the appreciation in which the Colony is already held by lovers of literature. The Trustees, in making this record, have been unable to ignore the fact that the present donation is only an earnest of Mr. Mitchell's intentions to bequeath to this Library the whole of this unequalled collection of Australian books, pictures, and engravings, and to make provision for its future maintenance and growth, and that by these means the Public Library of New South Wales must necessarily become pre-eminently the greatest Library in Australia, and must take its place as one of the remarkable national collections of the world. The Trustees, recognising the full importance of the present munificent gift, and to assure him of their cordial appreciation of his efforts, and of their determination to their utmost ability to care for and treat his collection in accordance with his wishes.

donation, and of Mr. Mitchell's generous intentions for the future, desire to convey to him their best thanks for his

Expenditure for 1899.

From the Parliamentary Votes for the year 1898–9 (£7,545) *and the current financial year ending* 30*th June*, 1900 (£8,928).

Salaries—Reference Library, Registry of Copyright, International Exchanges, and Travelling Libraries	£3,481
Salaries—Lending Branch and Historical Records..	1,450
Salaries—Newspaper-room	245
Books, periodicals, newspapers, binding	2,330
Indicator for Lending Branch (part payment) ...	173
Steel Book-stacks for Mitchell Library	81
Boxes for holding Travelling Libraries	115
Insurance on Books	86
Cost of lighting Libraries (one quarter)	88
Conveyance of books to Country Libraries, freight, type, repairs, Library appliances, telephones, and incidentals	436
	£8,485

JAMES NORTON,
President.

APPENDIX A.

NUMBER of VOLUMES in the PUBLIC LIBRARY OF NEW SOUTH WALES on the 31st December, 1899.

Synopsis of Classification.	Reference Department.		Lending Branch.		For Country Libraries.		Total.
	Added, 1899.	Total.	Added, 1899.	Total.	Added, 1899.	Total.	
Natural Philosophy, Science, and the Arts	640	14,720	148	4,311	90	1,621	20,652
History, Chronology, Antiquities, and Mythology	269	7,942	134	3,778	157	1,556	13,276
Biography and Correspondence	216	5,997	149	4,158	120	1,898	12,053
Geography, Topography, Voyages, and Travels	180	7,512	58	3,716	117	1,447	12,675
Periodical and Serial Literature	2,440	31,887	...	.....	143	221	32,108
Jurisprudence, Political and Social Economy	303	6,719	42	1,311	22	346	8,376
Theology, Moral and Mental Philosophy, and Education	393	6,558	50	1,624	23	233	8,415
Poetry and Drama	291	3,470	48	921	37	230	4,621
General Literature, Philology, and Collected Works	1,105	7,081	1,516	6,412*	1,005	1,693	15,186
Works of Reference	289	4,467	...	.....	6	14	4,481
Duplicates	219	2,377	...	.....	...	.....	2,377
Mitchell Library	10,024	10,024	...	.....	...	.....	10,024
Total added during 1898	16,279	.....	2,145	.....	1,720	.....	.....
Total Number of Volumes	...	108,754	...	26,231	...	9,259	144,244

Books worn out or lost during the past year, deducted from the stock :—Lending Branch, 260 ; Reference Library, 41 volumes.

* Including 3,718 volumes of Prose Fiction.

APPENDIX B.

NUMBER and AVERAGE of VISITS of READERS to the LIBRARY, the NUMBER of DAYS on which the LIBRARY was OPEN to the PUBLIC, and the AVERAGE NUMBER of VOLUMES USED on SUNDAYS and on WEEK-DAYS from 1st January to 31st December, 1899.

Number of VISITS for the year—	
To the Reference Library	183,760
To the Lending Branch	106,159
To the Newspaper-room	264,359
Total	554,278
Total Visits to the Reference Library on Week-days	175,236
Total Visits to the Lending Branch on Week-days	104,272
Total Visits to the Newspaper-room on Week-days	258,503
Daily Average of Visits to the Reference Library on Week-days	582
Daily Average of Visits to the Lending Branch on Week-days	365
Daily Average of Visits to the Newspaper-room on Week-days	864
Total Visits to the Reference Library on Sundays	8,524
Total Visits to the Lending Branch on Sundays	1,887
Total Visits to the Newspaper-room on Sundays	5,856
Daily Average of Visits to the Reference Library on Sundays	167
Daily Average of Visits to the Lending Branch on Sundays	85
Daily Average of Visits to the Newspaper-room on Sundays	113
Total number of Days that the REFERENCE LIBRARY was open (including 51 Sundays)	352
Total number of Days that the LENDING BRANCH was open (including 22 Sundays)	307
Total number of Days that the NEWSPAPER-ROOM was open (including 52 Sundays)	351
Average number of VOLUMES used on SUNDAYS—	
Reference Library (from 2 to 6 o'clock p.m.)	206
Lending Branch (from 2 to 6 o'clock p.m.)	91
Total	297
Average number of VOLUMES used on WEEK-DAYS—	
Reference Library (from 10 o'clock a.m. to 10 o'clock p.m.)	1,746
Lending Branch (from 10 o'clock a.m. to 9 o'clock p.m.)	388
Total	2,134

Summary of VISITS to the Library, 1869–1899.

1869 (three months—1 Oct to 31 Dec.)	17,006	1885	165,715
1870	59,786	1886	168,685
1871	60,165	1887 (closed three months for moving)	139,203
1872	48,817	1888	149,425
1873	76,659	1889	132,983
1874 (eleven months)	57,962	1890	155,822
1875	66,900	1891	173,205
1876	72,724	1892	197,255
1877 (Lending Branch first opened)	124,688	1893	216,089
1878	117,047	1894 (Newspaper-room opened)	330,431
1879 (Exhibition open)	152,036	1895	409,064
1880	134,462	1896	416,182
1881	136,272	1897	410,987
1882 (eleven months)	133,731	1898	424,485
1883	155,431	1899 (Lending Branch removed)	554,278
1884 (eleven months)	161,877		

APPENDIX C.

Classes of Books borrowed from the Lending Branch of the Public Library of New South Wales on Week-days, from 1st January to 31st December, 1899.

No. of Week-days open.	No. of Tickets issued to Borrowers.	No. of Borrowers' Visits.	Synopsis of Classification of Reading.	No. of Vols. available.	No. of Issues.	Average of Vols. issued.	Ratio of Vols. to issues.
285	8,675	104,272	Natural Philosophy, Science, and the Arts	4,311	11,709	41·1	1:2·7
			History, Chronology, Antiquities, and Mythology	3,778	10,213	35·8	1:2·7
			Biography and Correspondence	4,158	9,834	34·5	1:2·3
			Geography, Topography, Voyages, and Travels	3,716	12,276	43·1	1:3·3
			Jurisprudence, Political and Social Economy	1,311	2,063	7·2	1:1·6
			Mental and Moral Philosophy, and Education	1,624	4,076	14·3	1:2·5
			Poetry and Drama	921	3,037	10·6	1:3·3
			General Literature	2,824	18,667	65·5	1:6·6
			Prose Works of Fiction	3,588	38,668	135·7	1:10·8
			Total	26,231	110,548	387·8	1:4·2

APPENDIX D.

Classes of Books read, the Number of Volumes used, and the Number of Visits to the Libraries on Sundays during the year 1899.

No. of Sundays open.	No. of Visits.	Daily average of Visits.		No. of Volumes available.	No. of Volumes used.	Daily average of Vols. used on Sundays.
			Reference Library.			
51	8,524	167	Natural Philosophy, Science, and the Arts	14,720	1,237	24·2
			History, Chronology, Antiquities, and Mythology	7,942	835	16·3
			Biography and Correspondence	5,997	920	18·0
			Geography, Topography, Voyages, and Travels	7,512	751	14·7
			Periodical and Serial Literature	31,887	1,776	34·8
			Jurisprudence, Political and Social Economy	6,719	649	12·7
			Theology, Moral and Mental Philosophy, and Education	6,558	366	7·2
			Poetry and Drama	3,470	570	11·4
			General Literature, Philology, and Collected Works	7,081	2,591	50·8
			Works of Reference	4,467	840	16·5
			Total	96,353	10,535	206·6
			Lending Branch.			
22	1,887	85	Natural Philosophy, Science, and the Arts	4,311	269	12·2
			History, Chronology, Antiquities, and Mythology	3,778	182	8·3
			Biography and Correspondence	4,158	173	7·9
			Geography, Topography, Voyages, and Travels	3,716	272	12·4
			Jurisprudence, Political and Social Economy	1,311	37	1·7
			Mental and Moral Philosophy, and Education	1,624	78	3·5
			Poetry and Drama	921	60	2·7
			General Literature	2,824	256	11·6
			Prose Works of Fiction	3,588	671	30·5
			Total	26,231	1,998	90·8

APPENDIX E.

NUMBER OF BOXES OF BOOKS BORROWED from the PUBLIC LIBRARY OF NEW SOUTH WALES, SYDNEY, by COUNTRY LIBRARIES, with NUMBER OF VOLS. ISSUED, during the year 1899.

Town.	Institution.	No. of Boxes borrowed.	No. of Vols. issued.	Town.	Institution.	No. of Boxes borrowed.	No. of Vols. issued.
Aberdeen	School of Arts	2	166	Keiraville	School of Arts	1	32
Armidale	School of Arts	3	189	Kenthurst	School of Arts	2	88
Auburn	Literary Institute	1	58	Kiama	School of Arts	2	87
Balgownie	School of Arts	2	150	Koppin Yarrett	School of Arts	1	61
Ballina	School of Arts	2	87	Lambton	School of Arts	2	81
Bellingen	School of Arts	2	96	Largs	School of Arts	1	92
Bermagui	Mechanics' Institute	2	161	Lismore	School of Arts	2	90
Berrigan	Mechanics' Institute	2	146	Lithgow	School of Arts	2	128
Berrima	School of Arts	2	130	Macksville	School of Arts	1	82
Berry	School of Arts	2	126	Maclean	School of Arts	1	39
Black Range	School of Arts	2	97	Manilla	School of Arts	1	52
Blackheath	School of Arts	2	74	Menangle	School of Arts	3	150
Blayney	School of Arts	1	88	Merriwa	Mechanics' Institute	2	137
Bodangora	School of Arts	2	119	Metz	Mechanics' Institute	2	118
Bowral	School of Arts	3	183	Millthorpe	Mechanics' Institute	2	136
Broadmeadow	School of Arts	2	163	Mittagong	Mechanics' Institute	1	75
Brooklet	School of Arts	1	87	Moree	Mechanics' Institute	2	136
Bullahdeelah	School of Arts	1	69	Moss Vale	Mechanics' Institute	2	92
Bungendore	School of Arts	2	133	Mount Kembla	Reading Room	2	125
Burrawang	School of Arts	2	124	Nambucca Heads	School of Arts	2	76
Carcoar	School of Arts	3	222	Narooma	School of Arts	1	92
Charlestown	Mechanics' Institute	1	77	Newcastle	School of Arts	2	176
Clunes	School of Arts	2	159	Nowra	School of Arts	2	84
Cobargo	School of Arts	1	160	Parramatta	School of Arts	1	87
Coolamon	School of Arts	2	100	Penrith	School of Arts	2	147
Cooma	School of Arts	1	86	Plattsburg	Mechanics' Institute	2	113
Copeland	School of Arts	2	122	Port Macquarie	School of Arts	2	94
Coraki	School of Arts	2	107	Queanbeyan	School of Arts	2	153
Corrimal	School of Arts	2	117	Quirindi	School of Arts	1	54
Cowra	School of Arts	2	99	Rawdon Island	School of Arts	2	110
Crookwell	School of Arts	2	132	Reno	School of Arts	1	37
Cundletown	School of Arts	2	132	Richmond	School of Arts	1	86
Deniliquin	School of Arts	1	44	Rockdale	School of Arts	1	90
Dubbo	Mechanics' Institute	2	109	Ryde	School of Arts	2	94
Dudley	Mechanics' Institute	2	95	Sackville	School of Arts	2	186
Dungog	Mechanics' Institute	2	159	St. Albans	Literary Society	2	137
East Maitland	Mechanics' Institute	2	126	Seven Hills	Literary Society	2	180
Eatonsville	School of Arts	1	99	Smedmore	School of Arts	2	125
Eden	School of Arts	2	142	Smithtown	School of Arts	1	35
Emmaville	Mining Institute	1	87	Somersby	School of Arts	2	134
Federal	School of Arts	2	125	South Grafton	School of Arts	2	125
Forbes	Mechanics' Institute	1	73	Stockton	School of Arts	2	96
Gallymont	School of Arts	1	58	Taree	School of Arts	1	88
Galston	Mechanics' Institute	2	76	Tenterfield	School of Arts	2	124
Gininderra	School of Arts	2	79	Thornleigh	School of Arts	2	128
Glenoak	School of Arts	1	43	Toongabbie	School of Arts	2	98
Glenreagh	School of Arts	1	67	Ulmarra	School of Arts	2	122
Gosford	School of Arts	1	44	Walcha	School of Arts	1	39
Grafton	Mechanics' Institute	2	126	Waratah	School of Arts	2	136
Granville	School of Arts	2	174	Warren	School of Arts	1	88
Greta	School of Arts	2	124	Wauchope	School of Arts	1	64
Gundagai	Literary Institute	2	112	Wee Waa	School of Arts	2	114
Gunnedah	School of Arts	1	93	Wellington	Public Library	2	160
Gunning	School of Arts	2	149	West Kempsey	School of Arts	1	93
Harden	Mechanics' Institute	2	131	West Wallsend	School of Arts	2	186
Helensburgh	School of Arts	3	178	West Wyalong	School of Arts	2	129
Hillgrove	School of Arts	2	126	Wickham	School of Arts	2	127
Hinton	School of Arts	2	163	Wollongong	Municipal Council	3	240
Hornsby Junction	School of Arts	1	42	Woodburn	School of Arts	2	88
Jamberoo	School of Arts	1	77	Woonona	School of Arts	1	109
Jasper's Brush	School of Arts	2	172	Wyong	School of Arts	1	86
Jerilderie	School of Arts	2	75	Yass	Mechanics' Institute	3	150
Jindera	School of Arts	1	67	Young Wallsend	School of Arts	2	112
Junee	School of Arts	1	44				
Kadina	Reading Room	1	49				
Kangaroo Valley	School of Arts	2	204		Total	223	14,155

APPENDIX F.

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APPENDIX G.

LIST of DONATIONS received during 1899.

By whom presented.	List of Donations received.	Vols.
Alabama State Geologist	Iron-making in Alabama	1
Amos, Alexander	Trans. of the Institution of Engineers. Vol. 42	1
Atkinson, R. S.	Cost of a National Crime. Criminal Aggression	1
Barlow, W. A.	Australian Wine, Spirit, and Tobacco News. Vols. 1–5	5
Bell & Sons	Books for Travelling Libraries	101
Blackie & Sons	Books for Travelling Libraries	72
Blackwood & Sons	Books for Travelling Libraries	45
Board for International Exchanges.	Books, Pamphlets, &c.	1,656
Boston Book Co.	Foster on the Constitution. Vol. 1	1
	Books for Travelling Libraries	2
Bowdoin College (Maine)	Publications	11
British and Foreign Bible Society.	94th and 95th Reports of	2
British Columbia Government	Publications	3
British Museum	Publications	237
Brassey, Lord	Strength of the British Navy, 1899	1
	Australian Addresses, 1895–1898	1
Buffalo Public Library	Publications	8
Bursill, H. O.	Souvenir of the Postal Department of W. Australia, 1898	1
California, University of	Report of Agricultural Experimental Station, 1895–6	1
Canada	Geological Survey Report for 1896	1
Canadian Government	Publications	3
Canterbury College (N.Z.)	Calendar for 1899	1
Chicago Board of Trade	Report for 1898	1
Cobden Club	Publications	2
Colomb, Sir John	Defence of Great and Greater Britain	1
Connecticut (U.S.), State of	Register for 1899	1
Cox, Dr. James C.	Road over the Blue Mountains, by Wm. Cox	1
Dent & Co.	Books for Travelling Libraries	55
Darval, W. H. C.	Pamphlets	13
Fiji Government	Blue Book for 1898	1
Giddins, J. H.	Australasian Meteorological Almanac for 1899	1
Harper and Bros.	Books for Travelling Libraries	114
Hawken, Hon. N. (M.L.C.)	The power of Government	1
Institution of Civil Engineers	Proceedings of, for 1898–99	4
Jeypore, Maharaja of	Jeypore, Portfolio of Architectural Details. Parts 9 and 10	2
Johnson, Rev. S. J.	Historical and Future Eclipses, &c., by Rev. S. J. Johnson	1
Kegan Paul, Trench, Trubner, & Co.	Books for Travelling Libraries	101
Lake Forest University	Catalogue for 1898–9	1
Leed's Industrial Co-operative Society.	Jubilee History, 1847–1897	1
Leland Standford University (Junior).	Publications	5
Leng & Co., J.	People's Friend. Vol. 30, 1893	1
Library Reports	Aberdeen, Auckland, Baillie's Institute, Bathurst, Battersea, Birmingham, Bolton, Boston, Brooklyn, Bristol, Buffalo, Cambridge, Cardiff, Carnegie (Pittsburgh), Dewer, Detroit, Dundee, Enoch Pratt, John Crear, Leeds, Leyton, Liverpool, London, Los Angelos, Manchester, Mercantile (N.Y.), New York, Newcastle, Newcastle (N.S.W.), Norwich, Peabody Institute, Philadelphia, Plymouth, Richmond, Shakespeare Memorial, St. George's, St. Martin, Stirling's (Glasgow), South Australia, Westminster, Wolverhampton.	
Liverpool, Literary and Philosophical Society of.	Proceedings. Vol. 52	1
MacDonald, A.	Emile Zola	1
MacMillan & Co.	Books for Travelling Libraries	50
Madras Government	Publications	2
Marks, Percy J.	Yelabuk Pedipedelas, 1888–1889	1
	Jewish Year Book 5,660 (1899–1900)	1
Melbourne Public Library	Letters from Victorian Pioneers	1
Melbourne University	Calendar for 1900	1
Millar, Thomas Lockhart	Australian Pamphlets	13

List of Donations—*continued.*

By whom presented.	List of Donations received.	Vols.
Miller, Rev. E. K.	Reminiscences of Rev. E. K. Miller, seven copies	7
Mitchell, David Scott	Miscellaneous Literature, also fifty pictures	10025
Murray, David	Brass Cup found in Rodil by D. Murray	1
New Zealand Government	Publications	7
New Zealand Government	Official Publications	12
New Zealand Institute	Transactions and Proceedings. Vol. 31	1
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Padley, James	Books and Pamphlets on Co-operation	60
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Tucker, Capt. C.	Articles by Charlton Tucker	1
Turnor, H.	Astra Castra	1
United States Government	Publications	26
Verrall, Alf.	Beauties of Shakespeare, &c.	1
Victorian Government	Publications	9
Victoria Public Library	Publications	13
Western Australian Government	Publications	16
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Williams, F. W.	Life and Letters of Sam Wells Williams, LL.D., &c.	1
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Yale University	Catalogue of, 1898–1899	1

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

PUBLIC LIBRARY OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

(REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR 1900.)

Presented to Parliament, pursuant to the provisions of section 14 of the "Library and Art Gallery Act, 1899."

Ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed, 31 *July*, 1901.

The Trustees of the Public Library of New South Wales to The Minister for Public Instruction.

Public Library of New South Wales,
Sydney, 19 February, 1901.

Sir,

In accordance with the provisions of "The Public Library and Art Gallery Act, 1899," the Trustees submit their Report for the year 1900, being the thirtieth Annual Report of the Institution.

1. There were eighteen meetings of the Trustees during the year, the average attendance being over six. The attendances were as follows:—Hon. Dr. Norton, M.L.C., 17; Hon. J. F. Burns, 17; Hon. E. Greville, M.L.C., 15; Professor M. W. MacCallum, M.A., 15; Hon. John Hughes, M.L.C., 13; Professor T. Butler, B.A., 9; Hon. A. Kethel, M.L.C., 8; Mr. W. Wood, J.P., 7; Professor T. W. E. David, B.A., 4*; Mr. A. Oliver, M.A., 3*; Hon. Dr. H. N. MacLaurin, M.L.C., 2†; Hon. P. G. King, M.L.C., 1*; Mr. L. J. Brient, 1‡; Rt. Hon. E. Barton, M.A., K.C., P.C., 0‡.

There were, at the end of the year, three vacancies. In Appendix E will be found the names and dates of appointment of the present Trustees, also the names and periods of service of all past Trustees.

2. The general collection of books has been increased by 6,009 volumes; twenty-two volumes have been struck off the Reference Library stock as worn out or lost, and from the Lending Branch 391 volumes, leaving the total of 149,840 now in the Library.

Details of the classification of the books are given in Appendix A.

3. The Reference Library was open on 355 days, including 52 Sundays, and the attendance was 185,059, showing an increase of 1,299 over that of the previous year.

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* Leave of absence granted during the year.
† Trustee *ex officio* as Chancellor of the Sydney University.
‡ Mr. Barton's seat became vacant in July by his absence for six months without leave, and Mr. Brient's in December from the same cause.

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The Lending Branch was open for 287 days, and the total number of borrowers' visits reached 102,370, being a decrease of 3,789.

The attendance at the Newspaper-room for 349 days, including 50 Sundays, was 304,686, which shows an increase of 40,327.

The average attendance at all branches of the Library was 1,946 on week days, and on Sundays (four hours) 239 at the Reference Library and the Newspaper-room.

Details are given in Appendix B.

4. In the Lending Branch the borrowers numbered 8,311, showing a decrease of 364. This decrease, together with the corresponding falling off in the number of books borrowed, is doubtless due to the outbreak of bubonic plague which occurred in the city during this year, and more especially to the fact that one of the officers in the Lending Branch was seized with the plague, and the Branch was closed in consequence for a fortnight.

During the prevalence of the plague all books returned to the Branch were carefully disinfected day by day, by means of formalin vapour. The Branch was also closed for a week to enable the Chivers' Indicator to be erected, and the consequential alterations to be made.

Each borrower used on an average 12·7 books during the year. In Appendix C will be found details of the classes of books used, showing for each class:—

(*a*) The number of volumes available at the end of the year.

(*b*) The number issued during the year.

(*c*) The daily average of volumes issued.

(*d*) The ratio between volumes and issues.

These figures show that fiction forms 15·9 per cent. of the total volumes in the Lending Branch, and 42·3 per cent. of the total issues; and that each volume of Fiction was borrowed on an average more than 10 times during the year.

There has been a very decided increase in the use of Fiction in the Lending Branch during this year, till in December it reached 61·6 per cent. of the total issues. The Trustees cannot view this fact with any satisfaction.

It is right, however, to point out that a great number of these issues of Fiction consist of stories for boys and girls, of each of which there are from 2 to 6 copies in the Library, all of them being in constant demand by young readers.

Every care has been taken to admit to this Section of the Library only books which may be considered to have a distinct literary value.

5. The figures given in Appendix D show to what extent and in what direction the public avail themselves of the contents of the Reference Library on Sundays.

The Lending Branch was closed on Sundays during this year, and, in accordance with the new By-laws made by the Trustees in terms of "The Public Library and Art Gallery Act," the Newspaper-room will also be henceforth closed on that day.

6. During the past year 242 boxes, containing 10,973 volumes, were sent to 128 country centres, and there is abundant evidence that this branch of the Trustees' work is highly appreciated by country students, and is productive of good educational results.

Besides sending out these boxes of books to Libraries and Literary Institutes in the country, the Trustees have lent books to individual students in the country districts whenever it was possible to supply the demand. During the past six years books to the number of 1,015 volumes have been lent to 37 small groups and 27 individual students, making a total of 721 persons.

Appendix F gives further details of this branch of the Library's operations.

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7. The donations for the year amounted to 1,285 volumes, 1 picture, and 8 medallions, of the estimated value of £340; also 111 volumes of newspapers, comprising 14,292 single parts, valued at £84 5s. 6d., which were presented by the proprietors in Great Britain and the Australian States for current use.

Under the Copyright Act of 1879 the Library received 316 books and pamphlets, 5 photographs, and 4 maps, valued at £40; also 312 yearly issues of newspapers and magazines, comprising 24,677 single numbers, valued at £209 19s.

8. The Newspaper-room was supplied during last year with 423 newspapers, numbering 38,969 single issues; of which 61 were received from the other Australian States, and 50 from Great Britain, India, South Africa, Fiji, Samoa, Japan, Canada, and the United States of America.

The average daily attendance was 1,005 on week days, and 81 on Sunday afternoons.

9. The work of cataloguing the current additions to the Reference Library has gone on steadily. The whole of the books received during the year were catalogued and printed on slips by our own staff, month by month, these slips being promptly made available to the public, and the printed Catalogue of the Library being in this way kept up to date.

The type of the different Supplements which have been printed by the Library staff during the past five years is still standing, and these will be combined into one five years' Supplement—1896–1900—within three months. When this volume of over 1,200 pages has been printed off, the type will be distributed, and we shall commence another five years' Supplement on the same plan as hitherto pursued.

During the year the staff has overtaken all arrears of cataloguing by completing the Subject Index for the whole of the 80,000 books received in the Library during the years 1869-1895, thus making, with the current Supplement of 1896-1900, the Subject Index for the whole Library complete from its foundation up to the end of the year 1900. This has occupied a considerable part of the time of three senior members of the staff for five years, but the Trustees feel that it will amply repay the labour, and will be of incalculable benefit to the *bonâ-fide* students who wish to avail themselves of the treasures of our collection. The whole of the books have been grouped together under about 6,000 subject headings, comprising about 300,000 entries, which will make a volume of 800 pages, royal 4to. The Trustees would strongly urge the desirability of at once making provision for printing this volume, which will practically act as a key to the whole of the treasures of the Library.

During the year the whole of the seven Supplements to the Catalogue of the Lending Branch for the years 1886–1898 were combined into one; a copious Subject Index to the 16,000 volumes comprised therein was compiled for the use of students; and the whole printed in a volume of 777 pages, royal 8vo. This work was done in the Government Printing Office in an admirable manner.

Meanwhile, in consequence of the adoption of the Chivers' Indicator, it was found necessary to re-number the whole of the 27,138 volumes in the Lending Library, and consequently to compile a new Catalogue for the main collection made during the years 1877–1885, which, with the combined Supplement already issued, would make the Lending Branch Catalogue complete to date. This Catalogue was ready for printing in January, but, the Government Printer having no authority for doing this work for the Library, the Catalogue cannot be printed until the Government provide the Trustees with the necessary funds. It need hardly be pointed out that, without such a Catalogue, about one-third of the books in the Lending Branch—and generally the most valuable ones—are practically not available to the public, and the efficiency and educational value of that Branch is proportionately diminished and impaired.

The Catalogue of the current additions to the Lending Branch during 1900 was printed, and 10,000 copies supplied free of cost by Messrs. Brooks & Co., in return for the privilege of inserting advertisements in the volume. The Trustees hope to be able in this way to issue all future yearly supplements free of cost.

10. The new Chivers' Indicator at the Lending Branch has fully realised the expectations of the Trustees; it greatly facilitates the operations of the Branch, and is daily growing in favour with the borrowers.

11. In the necessarily very hasty preparation of the draft Bill to incorporate the Library, the Trustees provided for an endowment only barely sufficient to cover the ordinary expenditure for the purchase of books, but omitted to make any provision for the necessary cost of binding and of printing Catalogues, &c., trusting that these items would be voted by Parliament as heretofore, or that the Government Printer would continue to print and bind for the Library as he had been accustomed to do; but it was found that this officer considered that since the incorporation and endowment of the Library the Trustees ought to make this endowment cover all necessary expenditure. The endowment being barely sufficient to keep the Library supplied with the current literature, the Trustees placed on the draft Estimates for the present year, submitted by them for the Minister's approval, the sum of £1,800 to cover the necessary expenditure for binding and printing.

As this amount was not voted by Parliament, they must either leave a great number of books unbound, and therefore practically useless, and forego the printing of the Catalogue on which so much labour has been expended, or take out of the money required for the purchase of books such considerable sums that the growth of the Library will be greatly retarded, unless sufficient funds are provided by the Government.

About 4,000 books in the Lending Branch are awaiting rebinding, and at least 6,000 books in the Reference Library are still in the paper covers and other temporary bindings in which they were originally received, and are therefore practically not available for use by the public.

The Government Printer has bound 1,800 volumes of newspapers and magazines for the Reference Library; but, reckoning fair wear and tear for the 120,000 volumes in it and the 5,000 volumes added each year, the binding and rebinding cannot be estimated at less than 4,000 volumes a year; so that, unless provision can be made for binding these, they must continue to accumulate and to suffer serious deterioration year by year.

The collection of books has also suffered grave injury through the want of proper presses and book-cases in which to protect them and make them available for the public. The Trustees were informed at the beginning of the financial year that no funds were available in the Public Works Department; and consequently a number of books were left without any protection and without any orderly arrangement, making them practically useless for the purpose for which they are intended.

The Trustees would strongly urge the necessity of having a Vote placed at their own disposal for the absolutely necessary printing, binding, and supply of new presses and book-cases.

12. It will be noted that the requirements of the Lending Branch absorb a large part of the funds at the disposal of the Trustees. This correspondingly restricts their endeavours to maintain the Reference Collection in that condition of efficiency which is due to its position as a State Library.

Under existing arrangements, they provide in the Lending Branch a Municipal Free Library for the benefit of the citizens of Sydney without any contribution from the rates. The Trustees feel assured that this portion of their duties was never intended to assume its present proportions, for, though the Sydney Corporation Act is silent on the question of municipal libraries, the Municipalities Act, under which the suburban boroughs work, expressly enables these boroughs (*see* section 145 of Act XXIII of 1897) to levy a special rate—not exceeding 3d. in the £—for the establishment and maintenance of municipal libraries. No advantage has hitherto been taken of this provision, nor is it likely to be taken while the citizens of Sydney and suburbs continue to enjoy the benefits of the present Lending Library at the expense of the general taxpayer.

An alteration in this system would not only be equitable in itself, but, by relieving the Trustees of a burden strictly municipal in its character, would much increase their facilities for extending the benefits of the Library to students in the outlying districts of the State.

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For these reasons, the Trustees note with satisfaction a movement in the Council of the City of Sydney towards establishing a Municipal Free Public Library by taking over the Lending Branch and Newspaper-room, which they are prepared to facilitate by every means in their power.

It may be noted that a special rate of but ½d. in the £ levied by the Municipalities that alone benefit by the existence of the present Lending Library would provide for Library purposes a larger sum than that at the disposal of the Trustees for both Libraries.

13. In August last, the Trustees waited upon the Minister to urge upon him the necessity of erecting a suitable building in which to accommodate the collection at present in the possession of the Trustees, and the splendid collection which Mr. D. S. Mitchell has intimated his intention of bequeathing to the Library.

The Trustees deeply regret that no definite decision has yet been arrived at with regard to this important matter, and they regard with very great anxiety the probable effect of this delay on the intentions of Mr. Mitchell, who has naturally been expecting the realisation of the promises made to him more than two years ago, when he intimated his intentions with regard to his collection and the endowment to accompany the same, and was assured that the Government would lose no time in complying with the conditions of his gift.

The Trustees have good grounds for advising the Minister that any further delay in carrying out the promises of the Government with regard to Mr. Mitchell's bequest may have a very serious effect on the final disposition of his Library and the endowment which he intends to provide with it.

The Trustees can only reiterate with increased emphasis the remarks in their last Report with regard to the crowded and inconvenient condition of the present building, and the absolute impossibility, under present conditions, of managing the Library in accordance with the most approved principles of Library economy.

14. During the year a Select Committee was appointed by the Legislative Assembly, on the motion of Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, M.P., to inquire into the working of the Public Library; and it is satisfactory to note that, in the opinion of this Committee, their inquiry was found "to have served the very excellent purpose of having fully disproved the incorrect statements that were current in regard to alleged maladministration of the Public Library affairs by the Trustees and the Principal Librarian." The Committee further reported that "it is but fair to the Principal Librarian and his staff to add that your Committee are satisfied that the very best use is made of the limited wall and floor space which they have at their disposal"; and they say, "your Committee feel it incumbent upon them to urge that steps be taken without further delay in the direction of providing a building capable of accommodating the accumulated literary treasures of the State."

15. It may be convenient to recapitulate here what has been done with regard to the question of getting a new Public Library in past years.

In August, 1879, a special meeting of the Board was held to consider a letter from the Minister for Public Instruction, inviting them "to offer suggestions as to the site, &c., for the proposed new building, as the question of erecting a new Public Library would shortly engage the attention of the Government"; and in response to that request the Trustees chose four sites, which they considered suitable for the purposes of a Public Library, and indicated that the first, the site of the old Hyde Park Barracks and parade-ground, was pre-eminently suitable for their requirements. The second was the site of Cook Park, which, it is interesting to note, was originally granted by Governor Darling in 1827 as a site for the Australian Subscription Library, besides two allotments above Rushcutters' Bay in aid of the building fund. Governor Bourke having disallowed the grant of the Cook Park allotments, the present site at the corner of Bent and Macquarie Streets was granted by Sir George Gipps in 1842, and with the proceeds of the sale of the other allotments, which had realised £3,384 in 1840, the building was erected which stood here till 1885. This was bought by the Government in 1869, with the collection of 16,000 volumes, for £5,100, and became the Sydney Free Public Library. By

By the Appropriation Act of 1879, the sum of £150,000 (Item 844) was voted for the erection of a new Public Library, out of which about £25,000 only was spent in the years 1884 and 1887.

On 24th November, 1880, by virtue of "The Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act," 44 Vic. No. 16, of 1880, the Government resumed the present site of the Girls' High School and all the contiguous land, extending on the south to Market-street, and bounded by Elizabeth and Castlereagh Streets, "for the purpose of the erection thereon of a Public Library, and of buildings to be used in connection therewith." This was not one of the four sites chosen by the Trustees of that day, nor is it considered by the Trustees of to-day a very suitable site for the purposes of a Library; but it may be fairly urged that this site practically belongs to the Library, owing to the generous Parliamentary Vote of 1879, and the subsequent action of the Government of the day. The properties included in this resumption are entered in the books of the Government Agent as "Library Properties," and have been yielding rents to the value of more than £1,200 per annum for the last twenty years, without reckoning anything for the large premises used by the Girls' High School.

In 1879, the Colonial Architect prepared plans of a Public Library and Art Gallery, which was to be built along William and Yurong Streets, forming, with the Australian Museum, a noble block of buildings. The Library was planned to hold 200,000 volumes, and the central reading-room to accommodate 600 readers. An elevation of this handsome building, as proposed, was published as a supplement to the *Sydney Mail*, 14th June, 1879.

In March, 1881, a motion was carried in the Legislative Assembly, in opposition to the Ministry of the day, in favour of building the new Library on the site of the Hyde Park Barracks, now called Chancery-square, and on the 20th June, 1883, the Minister for Public Instruction informed the Trustees that "the Government had determined to erect a Free Public Library on a block of Crown land at the top of King-street, where the Immigration Barracks, District Court, and the Colonial Architect's Office now stand." The Trustees at once assured the Minister of their entire satisfaction "that the position of the site had finally been chosen, and that one so suitable in every respect had been found." Acting on instructions, the Colonial Architect thereupon, after several conferences with the Trustees, prepared new plans of a handsome and suitable building for a Public Library to be built on this site, but nothing further was done in the matter.

On the 5th October, 1882, Sir Henry Parkes moved in the Legislative Assembly, "That this House approves of a suitable portion of the land now occupied by the Benevolent Asylum, and the residence of the Inspector-General of Police, in Pitt-street South, being set apart and appropriated as the site for a Free Public Library." He also brought forward a proposition in favour of inviting competitive designs from all the Australasian Colonies, "which should provide for an elevation by dome or tower to form a conspicuous object of attraction in the approaches to the city." In introducing the subject at that time, more than eighteen years ago, he said: "We (the Government) think it is an object of the highest consideration in respect to the Library that the sanction of Parliament should be at once given to the commencement of this great national institution," and as the money (£150,000, voted in 1879) was available, he proposed to commence building within one month after having laid the successful designs, with estimate of cost, on the table of the House. After a prolonged debate, the proposition was negatived by a large majority, the opinion of the members being clearly against the proposed site as unsuitable for the purpose in view, in comparison with that which had been approved by them in March, 1881.

In 1884, owing to the dangerous condition of the existing building, it was found necessary to take down the Bent-street section of it, and rebuild it at a cost of £12,247; and in 1887 the Macquarie-street frontage had to be replaced for the same reason, at a cost of £10,455. The contract for the necessary fittings amounted to £2,443, so that a total of £25,145 had to be spent on what was necessarily an unsuitable and inadequate building. The Trustees reported to the Minister in 1884 that "they considered all enlargements and adaptations of the present building to be of an essentially temporary and makeshift character."

16. The Trustees have frequently drawn attention to the matter in their subsequent Annual Reports, and in January, 1900, they invited the Minister for Public Instruction to inspect the Library in order to satisfy himself as to its crowded condition; and, on August 23rd, a deputation of six of the Trustees waited on him to impress on him the necessity which had so long existed for increased accommodation for the Public Library, and to urge "that a new and commodious building should be erected on the site approved by the Legislative Assembly, 15th March, 1881, or on such other eligible site as might be chosen by the Government." The Minister intimated that he would have the matter submitted without delay to the Public Works Committee, and assured the deputation that the housing of the Mitchell Library, and the erection of a Public Library, were within measurable distance. A memorandum indicating the area of land and accommodation estimated by the Trustees as necessary for the proposed new building was drawn up and submitted to the Minister on October 18th.

17. In consequence of the completion of the Subject Index of the main Catalogue of the Reference Library, the Trustees will be able, during the coming year, to reorganise the staff in such a way as to provide for pushing on with the work of classifying and cataloguing the section of the Mitchell Library which has already been handed over to them.

By reorganising the staff they hope to be able to do this work without any increase in the total expenditure for salaries.

18. In terms of "The Public Library and Art Gallery Act, 1899," the Trustees have made By-laws for the government of the institution and the management of its business.

19. During the year a course of lectures on "Hamlet" was given in the Board-room by Professor M. W. MacCallum, one of the Trustees, in connection with the University Extension movement, and over 160 persons paid the fees and attended the lectures. The great success of this course emphasised the necessity for having a suitable room for literary lectures in the proposed new Library.

20. The Trustees had occasion in November to exercise the power conferred on them by their Act of incorporation to nominate persons for employment in the Library. After an examination into the qualifications of the candidates who had applied in response to public advertisements, they selected the most suitable, and nominated them to the Public Service Board, who appointed them.

21. The Principal Librarian has again formed a class for the study of cataloguing and other branches of library economy, to which all assistants were freely admitted who had not attended any of the previous classes; and, in answer to a number of applications, the Trustees decided to admit outsiders to the benefit of this class, provided that their educational qualifications were such as to enable them to take advantage of the course of instruction.

22. In response to many applications for American newspapers, the Trustees consulted the United States Consul, who has kindly undertaken to ask the proprietors of a number of leading newspapers of the United States to supply their publications to this Library for the benefit of the Newspaper-room.

23. The Trustees had under consideration, at three meetings in October and November, the Report of the Public Service Board on certain charges made against the Principal Librarian by two cleaners employed in the Library. After very careful consideration of this Report, which had been referred to them by the Minister for Public Instruction, the Trustees expressed their unanimous concurrence with the opinion of the Board that the charges had been completely disproved, and that the persons bringing the charges had simply been used as tools by certain disloyal officers in the Department. The Trustees agreed with the Board that "this was a matter of very grave concern, and that it was impossible for the business of a Department to be properly carried on where such a spirit of disloyalty existed, and that steps should be at once taken to purge the office of such undesirable elements"; and they informed the Minister that, "in their opinion, the removal of the whole five officers from their service was essential in the interests of the Public Library."

24. As the result of stock-taking at the close of the year, it was found that 59 volumes had been lost, making a total of 524 since the opening of the Library in 1869. We find in practice that a considerable number of these missing books are found again in course of time, many being restored by persons who have improperly taken the loan of them. As many as 136 volumes have been returned in one year, one after twenty years' absence.

During the year two men were prosecuted for stealing books, and summarily punished.

25. The experiment of training well-educated girls as assistants having proved eminently satisfactory, both from the departmental and from the public point of view, there are now six female assistants employed in the Lending Branch.

26. Receipts and Expenditure for 1900.

1. *Parliamentary Appropriation Account.*

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Receipts—			
From Parliamentary Votes for the financial years 1899–1900 and 1900–1901	8,018	6	7
Expenditure—			
Salaries—Reference Library, Registry of Copyright, International Exchanges, and Travelling Libraries	3,940	15	3
Salaries—Lending Branch and Historical Records	1,335	0	0
Salaries—Newspaper-room	245	0	0
Books, periodicals, newspapers, and binding	1,301	12	4
Rent of Lending Branch (six quarters)	450	0	0
Cost of lighting Libraries...	225	0	5
Type for printing catalogues	125	3	3
Insurance on Books	84	6	0
Telephones	32	10	0
Conveyance of books to Country Libraries, freight, repairs, Library appliances, and incidentals...	278	19	4
	£8,018	6	7

2. *Statutory Endowment Account.*

Receipts—			
From Statutory Endowment for July-December, 1900 ...	1,000	0	0
From sale of waste paper, payments for books lost, &c. ...	12	11	2
	£1,012	11	2
Expenditure—			
Books, periodicals, newspapers, binding...	868	16	0
Balance to credit of Trustees Account, 31st December, 1900 ...	143	15	2
	£1,012	11	2

JAMES NORTON,
President.

19th February, 1901.

APPENDIX A.

NUMBER of VOLUMES in the PUBLIC LIBRARY OF NEW SOUTH WALES on the 31st December, 1900.

Synopsis of Classification.	Reference Department.		Lending Branch.		For Country Libraries.		Total.
	Added, 1900.	Total.	Added, 1900.	Total.	Added, 1900.	Total.	
Natural Philosophy, Science, and the Arts	652	15,363	128	4,388	10	1,631	21,382
History, Chronology, Antiquities, and Mythology	260	8,198	92	3,835	17	1,573	13,606
Biography and Correspondence	178	6,169	82	4,204	22	1,920	12,293
Geography, Topography, Voyages, and Travels	129	7,638	34	3,709	12	1,459	12,806
Periodical and Serial Literature	2,208	34,044	...	.....	3	224	34,268
Jurisprudence, Political and Social Economy	287	6,998	26	1,329	4	350	8,677
Theology, Moral and Mental Philosophy, and Education	330	6,884	46	1,658	3	236	8,778
Poetry and Drama	165	3,635	21	936	5	235	4,806
General Literature, Philology, and Collected Works	227	7,304	869	7,079*	45	1,738	16,121
Works of Reference	126	4,593	...	.....	1	15	4,608
Duplicates	...	2,444	...	.....	...	.....	2,444
Mitchell Library	27	10,051	...	.....	...	.....	10,051
Total added during 1900	4,589	.....	1,298	.....	122	.....	.....
Total Number of Volumes	...	113,321	...	27,138	...	9,381	149,840

Books worn out or lost during the past year, deducted from the stock :—Lending Branch, 391 ; Reference Library, 22 volumes.

* Including 4,322 volumes of Prose Fiction.

APPENDIX B.

NUMBER and AVERAGE of VISITS of READERS to the LIBRARY, the NUMBER of DAYS on which the LIBRARY was OPEN to the PUBLIC, and the AVERAGE NUMBER of VOLUMES USED on SUNDAYS and on WEEK-DAYS from 1st January to 31st December, 1900.

Number of VISITS for the year—	
To the Reference Library	185,059
To the Lending Branch	102,370
To the Newspaper-room	304,686
Total	592,115
Total Visits to the Reference Library on Week-days	176,863
Total Visits to the Lending Branch on Week-days	102,370
Total Visits to the Newspaper-room on Week-days	300,629
Daily Average of Visits to the Reference Library on Week-days	584
Daily Average of Visits to the Lending Branch on Week-days	357
Daily Average of Visits to the Newspaper-room on Week-days	1,005
Total Visits to the Reference Library on Sundays	8,196
Total Visits to the Newspaper-room on Sundays	4,057
Daily Average of Visits to the Reference Library on Sundays	158
Daily Average of Visits to the Newspaper-room on Sundays	81
Total number of Days that the REFERENCE LIBRARY was open (including 52 Sundays)	355
Total number of Days that the LENDING BRANCH was open	287
Total number of Days that the NEWSPAPER-ROOM was open (including 50 Sundays)	349
Average number of VOLUMES used on SUNDAYS—	
Reference Library (from 2 to 6 o'clock p.m.)	186
Average number of VOLUMES used on WEEK-DAYS—	
Reference Library (from 10 o'clock a.m. to 10 o'clock p.m.)	1,752
Lending Branch (from 10 o'clock a.m. to 9 o'clock p.m.)	369
Total	2,121

Summary of VISITS to the Library, 1869–1900.

1869 (three months—1 Oct to 31 Dec.)	17,006	1885	165,715
1870	59,786	1886	168,685
1871	60,165	1887 (closed three months for moving)	139,203
1872	48,817	1888	149,425
1873	76,659	1889	132,983
1874 (eleven months)	57,962	1890	155,822
1875	66,900	1891	173,205
1876	72,724	1892	197,255
1877 (Lending Branch first opened)	124,688	1893	216,089
1878	117,047	1894 (Newspaper-room opened)	330,431
1879 (Exhibition open)	152,036	1895	409,064
1880	134,462	1896	416,182
1881	136,272	1897	410,987
1882 (eleven months)	133,731	1898	424,485
1883	155,431	1899 (Lending Branch removed)	554,278
1884 (eleven months)	161,877	1900	592,115

APPENDIX C.

Classes of Books borrowed from the Lending Branch of the Public Library of New South Wales on Week-days, from 1st January to 31st December, 1900.

No. of Week-days open.	No. of Tickets issued to Borrowers.	No. of Borrowers' Visits.	Synopsis of Classification of Reading.	No. of Vols. available.	No. of Issues.	Average of Vols. issued.	Ratio of Vols. to issues.
287	8,311	102,370	Natural Philosophy, Science, and the Arts	4,388	10,686	37·2	1:2·4
			History, Chronology, Antiquities, and Mythology	3,835	8,304	28·9	1:2·2
			Biography and Correspondence	4,204	7,247	25·3	1:1·7
			Geography, Topography, Voyages, and Travels	3,709	8,509	29·6	1:2·3
			Jurisprudence, Political and Social Economy	1,329	1,918	6·7	1:1·4
			Mental and Moral Philosophy, and Education	1,658	3,345	11·6	1:2·0
			Poetry and Drama	936	2,399	8·4	1:2·6
			General Literature	2,757	18,741	65·3	1:6·8
			Prose Works of Fiction	4,322	44,890	156·4	1:10·4
			Total	27,138	106,039	369·4	1:3·9

APPENDIX D.

Classes of Books read, the Number of Volumes used, and the Number of Visits to the Libraries on Sundays during the year 1900.

No. of Sundays open.	No. of Visits.	Daily average of Visits.		No. of Volumes available.	No. of Volumes used.	Daily average of Vols. used on Sundays.
			Reference Library.			
52	8,196	158	Natural Philosophy, Science, and the Arts	15,363	1,104	21·2
			History, Chronology, Antiquities, and Mythology	8,198	664	12·7
			Biography and Correspondence	6,169	696	13·4
			Geography, Topography, Voyages, and Travels	7,638	637	12·2
			Periodical and Serial Literature	34,014	2,222	42·7
			Jurisprudence, Political and Social Economy	6,998	592	11·6
			Theology, Moral and Mental Philosophy, and Education	6,884	320	6·1
			Poetry and Drama	3,635	528	10·1
			General Literature, Philology, and Collected Works	7,304	2,095	40·3
			Works of Reference	4,593	844	16·2
			Total	100,826	9,702	186·5

APPENDIX E.

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NUMBER OF BOXES OF BOOKS BORROWED from the PUBLIC LIBRARY OF NEW SOUTH WALES, SYDNEY, by COUNTRY LIBRARIES, with NUMBER OF VOLS. ISSUED, during the year 1900.

Town.	Institution.	No. of Boxes borrowed.	No. of Vols. issued.	Town.	Institution.	No. of Boxes borrowed.	No. of Vols. issued.
Arakoon	School of Arts	1	38	Kenthurst	School of Arts	1	40
Armidale	School of Arts	2	81	Kiama	School of Arts	2	84
Balgownie	School of Arts	2	79	Lambton	School of Arts	3	110
Ballina	School of Arts	1	56	Lawson	School of Arts	2	86
Bermagui	Mechanics' Institute	3	123	Lismore	School of Arts	1	42
Berrigan	School of Arts	2	109	Maclean	School of Arts	3	120
Berrima	School of Arts	1	36	Manildra	School of Arts	2	71
Berry	School of Arts	2	96	Menangle	School of Arts	1	43
Black Range	School of Arts	2	86	Merriwa	Mechanics' Institute	1	38
Blackheath	Literary Society	2	75	Metz	Mechanics' Institute	1	72
Bodangora	School of Arts	1	45	Millthorpe	Mechanics' Institute	2	78
Boggabri	School of Arts	2	77	Mittagong	School of Arts	2	78
Bowral	School of Arts	2	110	Moorland	School of Arts	2	83
Broadmeadow	School of Arts	3	126	Moree	Mechanics' Institute	2	91
Brooklet	School of Arts	1	42	Moss Vale	School of Arts	3	159
Bundanoon	Lending Library	1	55	Mount Kembla	Reading-room	2	83
Bungendore	School of Arts	2	86	Mulwala	School of Arts	1	54
Burraga	School of Arts	1	40	Nambucca Heads	School of Arts	2	90
Burrawang	School of Arts	2	83	New Lambton	School of Arts	2	91
Captain's Flat	School of Arts	2	75	Newcastle	School of Arts	2	98
Carcoar	School of Arts	2	77	Newrybar	School of Arts	1	75
Chatsworth Island	School of Arts	2	109	Nowra	School of Arts	2	84
Clear Hills	School of Arts	2	112	Penrith	School of Arts	2	100
Coolamon	School of Arts	1	34	Plattsburg	Mechanics' Institute	1	56
Cooma	School of Arts	2	77	Port Macquarie	School of Arts	3	134
Copeland	School of Arts	2	81	Prospect	School of Arts	1	34
Coraki	School of Arts	2	74	Queanbeyan	School of Arts	1	68
Corrimal	School of Arts	2	83	Quirindi	School of Arts	1	32
Cowra	School of Arts	2	75	Rawdon Island	School of Arts	1	56
Crookwell	School of Arts	3	123	Reno	School of Arts	3	168
Cundletown	School of Arts	1	70	Richmond	School of Arts	2	137
Deniliquin	School of Arts	1	40	Rockdale	School of Arts	1	41
Dubbo	Mechanics' Institute	2	84	Sackville Reach	School of Arts	2	112
Dudley	Mechanics' Institute	2	82	Smithtown	School of Arts	1	39
Dungog	Mechanics' Institute	3	211	Sofala	Mechanics' Institute	1	43
East Maitland	Mechanics' Institute	2	112	Somersby	Mechanics' Institute	3	144
Eden	School of Arts	3	179	South Grafton	School of Arts	2	112
Federal	School of Arts	2	85	Stockton	School of Arts	2	78
Forbes	Mechanics' Institute	3	157	Taralga	School of Arts	1	45
Fosterton	School of Arts	2	71	Taree	School of Arts	3	177
Gallymont	School of Arts	3	127	Tenterfield	School of Arts	2	92
Galston	Mechanics' Institute	2	81	The Oaks	School of Arts	1	40
Gerringong	School of Arts	1	32	Thornleigh	School of Arts	1	45
Gilminderra	School of Arts	2	84	Toongabbie	School of Arts	2	88
Glenoak	School of Arts	2	90	Ulmarra	School of Arts	3	117
Glenreagh	School of Arts	2	82	Walcha	School of Arts	1	39
Grafton	Mechanics' Institute	2	88	Waratah	School of Arts	2	83
Granville	School of Arts	2	82	Wauchope	School of Arts	2	78
Greta	School of Arts	2	104	Wellington	Public Library	2	91
Grenfell	School of Arts	1	44	Wentworth Falls	School of Arts	1	55
Gunnedah	School of Arts	2	144	West Kempsey	School of Arts	1	32
Gunning	School of Arts	3	148	West Wallsend	School of Arts	2	84
Harden	Mechanics' Institute	3	118	West Wyalong	School of Arts	1	35
Hay	Athenæum	1	31	Wickham	School of Arts	2	96
Helensburgh	School of Arts	3	132	Wolumla	School of Arts	2	88
Hillgrove	School of Arts	3	166	Woodburn	School of Arts	2	87
Hornsby Junction	School of Arts	2	74	Woolgoolga	School of Arts	3	132
Ingleburn	School of Arts	2	97	Woonona	School of Arts	3	115
Islington	School of Arts	2	86	Wyalong	School of Arts	2	77
Jamberoo	School of Arts	2	87	Wyong	School of Arts	2	104
Jasper's Brush	School of Arts	3	122	Yass	Mechanics' Institute	1	41
Jerilderie	School of Arts	2	76	Young Wallsend	School of Arts	2	111
Jindera	School of Arts	1	45				
Junee	School of Arts	2	81				
Kangaroo Valley	School of Arts	2	95		Total	242	10,973
Keiraville	School of Arts	3	127				

APPENDIX G.

List of Donations received during 1900.

By whom presented.	List of Donations received.	Vols.
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Agent-General for N.S.W.	Colonial Office List, 1900	1
	Webster's Royal Red Book, January, 1900	1
	Foreign Office List, 1900	1
Alabama State Geologist	Geological Survey of Alabama. Bulletin No. 6	1
American Agricultural Colleges and Experimental Stations. Reports and Bulletins.	Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Cornell University, Delaware, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Ottawa, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Storr's School, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.	125
Anonymous Donor	South African Republics *v.* Great Britain	1
Australasian Institute of Mining Engineers.	Proceedings, 1900	1
	Transactions. Vol. 6	1
Baker, E. A.	Midland Railway Institute, Derby: Handbook to Fiction	1
Bateman, Wm.	Report on alleged deterioration of Victorian Butter made for export	1
Board for International Exchanges, Sydney.	Books, Pamphlets, and Charts	733
Bradbury, Agnew, & Co.	An Evening with Punch	1
British and Foreign Bible Society.	Ninety-sixth Report	1
British Museum	Annual Return, 1900	1
	Book of the Dead: Facsimiles of the Papyri of Hunefer, Anhai, Kerāsher, &c.	1
	Botany of Captain Cook's Voyage. Part 1	1
	Catalogue of British Artists. Vol. 2	1
	Catalogue of Cretaceous Bryozoa. Vol. 1	1
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	Catalogue of Hindi, Panjabi and Hindostani MSS.	1
	Catalogue of Lepidoptera Phalænæ. Vol. 2 and Plates	2
	Catalogue of Seals. Vol. 6	1
	Catalogue of Welwitsch's African Plants. Vol. 2, Part 1	1
	Excavations in Cyprus	1
	Facsimiles of Autographs. 5th Series	1
	Facsimiles of Illuminated MSS. 2nd Series	1
	Handbook of Coins of Great Britain and Ireland	1
	Hand List of Genera and Species of Birds, &c. Vol. 1	1
	Index to Charters and Rolls. Vol. 1	1
	List of Genera and Species of Blastoidea, &c.	1
	List of Syriac and Karshum MSS.	1
	Monograph of Christmas Island	1
	Rules for compiling the Catalogue, 1900	1
Broken Hill Proprietary Co.	Reports and Statements of Account for Half-year ending 31st May, 1900	1
California State Mining Bureau	Bulletin, No. 16, 1899	1
California, University of	International Competition for the Phœbe Hearst Architectural Plan	1
Canadian Government	Contributions to Canadian Palæontology. Vol. 4, Part I	1
	Statistical Year Book of Canada, 1897, 1898, 1899. 3 vols.	3
Canadian Institute	Transactions. March, 1894. Vol. 4, Part I	1
	Proceedings. Sept., 1897, and Sept., 1899. 2 Parts	2
Cape of Good Hope Government	Votes and Proceedings of House of Assembly, 2nd Session, 1899	1
	Minutes, &c., of the Legislative Council, 2nd Session, 1899	1
Chadenat, C.	Le Bibliophile Américain	1
Clark, U.	Annual Report State Board of Horticulture, California, 1892	1
Cockburn, Hon. J. A.	South Australia as a Federal Unit, by the Hon. John A. Cockburn	1
Colonial Office, London	Catalogue of the Printed Books in the Library of the Colonial Office: Index of Authors.	1
Colonial Secretary, N.S.W.	Miscellaneous Books	18
Connecticut State Library	Register and Manual of the State of Connecticut, 1900	1
Corporation of Foreign Bondholders, London.	Twenty-seventh Annual Report, for 1899–1900	1
Cremation Society of England	Pamphlets on Cremation	5
Dawson, John	System of Universal Geography; by Rev. Thomas Bankes	1
Fabian Society	Fabian Tracts. Nos. 1-101	1
Fiji Government	Annual Statistical Return of the Colonial Hospital and Lunatic Asylum, 1899	1
	Blue Book of Fiji, 1899	1
	Handbook to Fiji, 1892	1
Fischer, John T.	Testimony of the Stars to truths revealed in the Bible; by Caroline Dent	1
Gawler Institute	Song of Australia; words by Mrs. C. J. Carleton	1
Georgetown College Observatory.	Sun-spot drawings made at the Georgetown College Observatory in 1850	1
Harvard Astronomical Observatory.	Annals. Vol. 23, Part 2	1
Howard Memorial Library	"Lucia Dare": A novel by "Filia."	1
Iowa State Historical Society	Iowa Historical Record, 1900	1
Irish Agricultural Organisation Society.	Publications of	30
Italian Government	Memorie della Carta Geologica d'Italia. Vol. 10	1
Jeypore, Maharaja of	Jeypore Portfolio of Architectural Details. Part 8	
John Crerar Library	List of Books in the Reading-room, Jan., 1900	1
John Ryland's Library	Catalogue of	3
Knibbs, G. H.	18 Scientific Papers, by G. H. Knibbs, F.R.A.S.	1
Labour Association for Promoting Co-operative Production.	Pamphlets on Labour Co-partnership	16
Lands Department, Sydney	Dedication of Captain Cook's Landing Place, Kurnell, Botany Bay	1
Leng & Co.	People's Friend. Vol. 31	1
Library Reports	Aberdeen, Auckland, Baillie's Institute, Bathurst, Battersea, Birmingham, Bolton, Boston, Brooklyn, Bristol, Buffalo, Cambridge, Cardiff, Carnegie (Pittsburgh), Dewer, Detroit, Dundee, Enoch Pratt, John Crerar, Leeds, Leyton, Liverpool, London, Los Angelos, Manchester, Mercantile (N.Y.), Newberry, New York, Newcastle, Newcastle (N.S.W.), Norwich, Peabody Institute, Philadelphia, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Richmond, Shakespeare Memorial, St. George's, St. Martin, Stirling's (Glasgow), South Australia, Westminster, Wolverhampton.	

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	La Vie de Joseph François Perrault, par P. B. Casgrain	1
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McBride, T. J.	Industrial Reform; by T. J. McBride	1
	Advance Australia, &c.; by T. J. McBride	1
	The Human Drift; by K. C. Gillette	1
	Modern Socialism; by Rev. C. H. Vail	1
McColl, Hon. J. H.	"The Leader" Land Selector's Guide; by A. G. Brown (2 copies)	2
Manchester Public Free Library	Catalogue of the Alex. Ireland Collection	1
	Manchester Public Free Libraries. A History; by W. R. Credland	1
Massachusetts Bureau of Statistics of Labour.	Report of Statistics of Labor, 1898	1
	Annual Statistics of Manufactures, 1898	1
Mather and Crowther, Messrs.	Practical Advertising	1
Mitchell, D. S.	8 Bronze Medallions of Eminent Citizens of N.S.W., 1854, by Woolner	
	Oil Painting of "The Resolution" and "The Adventure" in the Southern Ocean	
	Otago Daily Times, 1867–83	18
	The Guardian, 1873–77	9
Melbourne Public Library	Catalogue of Scientific Works in Melbourne Libraries; by T. S. Hall	1
	First Steps in Ampelography; by M. Mayade	1
	Fungus Diseases of Citrus Trees in Australia; by D. McAlpine	1
	Wine-making in Hot Climates; by L. Roos	1
Melbourne University	Calendar, 1901	1
Michigan State Board of Agriculture.	Annual Report, 1897–8	1
Milan Observatory	Al Battani Opus Astronomicum. Pars. 3	1
Millar, T. L.	Far South Fancies; by Alex. Bathgate	1
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	Page from the Secret History of the Citizens Life Co.	1
	Public Demonstration in honor of the Right Hon. G. H. Reid, Sydney, 16th Oct., 1899	1
	"To Our Boys." (Patriotic Poem)	1
	To the Electors in Tasmania for the Federal Parliament: A Warning Note; by John Henry.	1
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Newspapers, Proprietors of	Yearly issue of *Advertiser* (Adelaide), *Advertiser* (Owestry, Wales), *Age* (Melbourne), *Argus* (Melbourne), *Australian Pastoralist's Review* (Sydney), *Ballarat Courier*, *Bendigo Advertiser*, *British Australasian* (London), *British Weekly* (Edinburgh), *Canterbury Times* (Christchurch), *Cape Argus* (Capetown), *Cape Times* (Capetown), *Charleville Times*, *Christian Science Sentinel* (Boston), *Church Commonwealth* (Melbourne), *Coolgardie Miner*, *Coolgardie Pioneer*, *Cork Examiner*, *Critic* (Adelaide), *Daily Telegraph* (Launceston), *Echo* (Camden, N.J., U.S.A.), *Echuca and Moama Advertiser*, *Evening Post* (Wellington), *Evening Star* (Dunedin), *Florida Agriculturist* (De Land, Florida), *Freeman's Journal* (Dublin), *Gladstone Observer*, *Guardian* (London), *Hamilton Advertiser*, *Hawkes Bay Herald* (Napier, N.Z.), *Herald of the Golden Age* (Exeter), *Hobart Mercury*, *Observer* (Hughenden), *Indian Daily News* (Calcutta), *Inquirer* (Perth), *Japan Weekly Mail* (Yokohama), *Kalgoorlie Miner*, *Launceston Examiner*, *Leader* (Melbourne), *Ladies' Pictorial* (London), *Leaves of Healing* (Chicago), *Lloyd's Weekly* (London), *Mackay Chronicle*, *Mackay Mercury*, *Mail* (Wakatip, N.Z.), *Manchester Courier*, *M.A.P.* (London), *Morning Post* (Cairns), *Morning Herald* (Perth), *Mt. Morgan Herald*, *Natal Witness* (Pietermaritzburg), *New Zealand Herald* (Auckland), *New Zealand Mail* (Wellington), *New Zealand Times* (Wellington), *Nhill Free Press*, *North British Agriculturist* (Edinburgh), *North Queensland Register* (Charters Towers) *Observer* (Hughenden), *Omaru Mail*, *Otago Witness* (Dunedin), *Pioneer* (Allahabad), *Port Denison Times* (Bowen), *Reynolds' Newspaper* (London), *Rhodesia Herald* (Salisbury, South Africa), *Riverine Herald* (Echuca), *Samoa Herald*, *Seattle Post Intelligencer* (U.S.A.), *Settler* (Toowoomba), *Southern Cross* (Melbourne), *Southern Cross* (Adelaide), *Sunday Special* (London), *Standard* (London), *Tocsin* (Melbourne), *Weekly Scotsman* (Edinburgh), *Weekly Telegraph* (Belfast), *Weekly Times* (Melbourne), *West Australian* (Perth), *West Australian Record* (Perth), *West Sussex Gazette* (Arundel), *Western Argus* (Kalgoorlie), *Western Mail* (Perth), *Wide Bay and Burnett News* (Maryborough), *Worker* (Brisbane), *World* (Vancouver), *Yarrowonga Chronicle*, *Zeehan and Dundas Herald*.	
Navy League	Our Naval Supremacy—Is it assured? By Captain S. Eardley-Wilmot	1
Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Public Library.	Fine Arts Catalogue, 1900	1
New York Public Library	Bulletins, 1899	1
New York State University	State Library Bulletin: Legislation, Jan., 1900	1
New Zealand Government	Appendix to Journals of the House of Representatives, 1899. A–I	3
	New Zealand Official Year Book, 1899-1900	2
	Statistics of New Zealand, 1898	1
New Zealand Institute	Transactions and Proceedings, 1899. Vol. 32	1
Nijhoff, M.	Nijhoff's General Catalogue (No. 293), 1899	1
	Bibliotheca Historico-Neerlandica	1
Norwegian Government	Norway: Official publication for Paris Exhibition, 1900	1
O'Donovan, D.	Analytical and Classified Catalogue of the Library of the Parliament of Queensland	3
Ontario Government	Statutes, 1900	1
	Experimental Farms Reports, for 1899	1
Padley, James	Bright and Son's "A.B.C." Descriptive Priced Catalogue of the World's Postage Stamps. 2nd edition.	1
	Farmers' and Settlers' Association of New South Wales, Report, 1900	1
	Irish Agricultural Organisation Society, Annual Report, 1899	1
	Labour Co-partnership	1
	Miscellaneous Books and Pamphlets	51
	Pamphlets relating to Co-operation	8
	Publications of the Women's Co-operative Guild	21
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PUBLIC LIBRARY OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

(REPORT OF TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR 1901.)

Presented to Parliament in accordance with section 14 of the "Public Library and Art Gallery Act, 1899."

Printed under No. 1 *Report from Printing Committee*, 25 *June*, 1902.

The Trustees of the Public Library of New South Wales to The Minister of Public Instruction.

Public Library of New South Wales,
Sydney, 20 February, 1902.

Sir,

In accordance with the provisions of "The Public Library and Art Gallery Act, 1899," the Trustees submit their Report for the year 1901, being the thirty-first Annual Report of the Institution.

1. There were thirteen meetings of the Trustees during the year, the average attendance being over eight. The attendances were as follows:—Hon. Dr. Norton, M.L.C., 13; Hon. J. F. Burns, 13; Hon. Dr. Creed, M.L.C., 10; Professor MacCallum, 9; Hon. John Hughes, M.L.C., 9; Hon. A. Kethel, M.L.C., 8; Hon. E. Greville, M.L.C., 7; Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, M.L.A., 7; Professor Butler, 6; Professor David, 6; *Hon. Dr. MacLaurin, M.L.C., 5; Mr. W. Wood, 5; His Honor Alexander Oliver, M.A., 4; Hon. P. G. King, M.L.C., 3; †Mr. L. J. Brient, 0.

Mr. Brient's seat was declared vacant in January, owing to his absence for six months without leave, and he was re-appointed on 5th March.

The Hon. Dr. J. M. Creed, M.L.C., and Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, M.L.A., were appointed Trustees on 8th February.

2. The general collection of books has been increased by 2,487 volumes; 219 volumes have been struck off the Lending Branch stock as worn out or lost, leaving the total of 151,141 now in the Library. Details of the classification of the books are given in Appendix A.

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* Trustee *ex officio* as Chancellor of the Sydney University.

† Leave of absence for six months granted in June, owing to absence from the State.

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3. The Reference Library was open on 357 days, including 52 Sundays, and the attendance was 199,592, showing an increase of 14,533 over that of the previous year. The Lending Branch was open for 295 days, and the total number of borrowers' visits reached 131,353, being an average of 445 per day, which shows an increase of 28,983 for the year and 88 per day.

The attendance at the Newspaper-room for 308 days, was 330,808, and the daily average 1,074, being an increase of 26,122 for the year and of 69 per day. During the past five years the attendance at this branch of the Library has doubled, the figures for 1897 being 154,669. The accommodation in the Newspaper-room is already inadequate for the proper display of the papers and the convenience of the public.

The total attendance at all branches of the Library was 661,753, the average on week-days 2,146, and on Sundays (four hours) 158 at the Reference Library alone. Further details are given in Appendix B.

4. In the Lending Branch the borrowers numbered 8,821, showing an increase of 510. The number of volumes issued was 133,215, being an increase of 27,176. Each borrower used on a average 15·1 books during the year. During the past ten years the work in the Lending Branch has doubled. In 1892 the borrowers numbered 5,202, the total volumes issued 70,649, and the daily average 226 volumes. In Appendix C will be found details of the classes of books used, showing for each class—

(*a*) The number of books available at the end of the year.
(*b*) The number issued during the year.
(*c*) The daily average of volumes issued.
(*d*) The ratio between volumes and issues.

These figures show that fiction forms 15·4 per cent. of the total volumes in the Lending Branch, and 57·4 per cent. of the total issues, and that each volume of fiction was borrowed, on an average, more than 18 times during the year. There has been a decided increase in the use of fiction in the Lending Branch during this year, from 42·3 to 57·4 per cent. of the total issues; but it is only fair to point out that a very large proportion of these issues of fiction consists of stories for boys and girls, of each of which it is necessary to have from two to six copies, all of them being in constant demand by young readers; also that, in the re-classification of the books lately made, many which were previously classed as general literature are now more properly placed in fiction, and consequently, while the ratio of fiction has gone up, that of general literature has apparently gone down from 6·8 to 2·6 this year.

5. The figures given in Appendix D show to what extent and in what direction the public avail themselves of the contents of the Reference Library on Sundays. During this year, and, in accordance with the new By-laws made by the Trustees in terms of "The Public Library and Art Gallery Act," the Newspaper-room was closed on Sundays.

6. The system of fines in the Lending Branch, introduced in April, caused at the outset some slight friction, which has now, however, almost entirely disappeared. As many as 1,071 borrowers surrendered their tickets rather than pay the fines incurred by them through their own negligence, amounting to £21 2s. 6d. The greatest advantages arising from the introduction of the system, which is universal in all Lending Libraries, have accrued to the borrowers themselves, since complaints are now seldom heard of the detention of desirable books beyond the prescribed period by some borrowers to the detriment of others.

7. Notwithstanding the large increase in the business of the Lending Branch during the past two years, it has been satisfactorily dealt with without any addition to the staff, which is due, firstly, to the very efficient services of the five young lady assistants, who have shown special aptitude for this work; and, secondly, to the practical value of the new Chivers Indicator, which has greatly reduced the mechanical labour of the branch.

8. During the year 225 boxes, containing 10,188 volumes, were sent to 122 country centres, and there is abundant evidence that this branch of the Trustees' work is highly appreciated by country students, and is productive of adequate educational

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educational results. Besides sending out these boxes of books to libraries and literary institutes in the country, the Trustees have lent 198 volumes to 22 individual students in the remote country districts. During the past seven years, valuable books to the number of 1,213, not otherwise obtainable by country students, have been thus lent to 37 small groups and 49 individual students, making a total of 743 persons. Appendix F gives further details of this branch of the Library's operations.

9. The donations for the year amounted to 1,990 volumes, of the estimated value of £383 7s. 10d.; also 162 volumes of newspapers, comprising 19,350 parts, valued at £123 10s., which were presented by the proprietors in Great Britain and the Australian States for current use. Details of the donations are given in Appendix G.

Under the Copyright Act of 1879 the Library received 271 volumes and pamphlets, 16 photographs, and 124 maps, valued at £46 2s. 4d.; also 347 yearly issues of newspapers and magazines, comprising 28,670 single parts, valued at £234 4s. 6d.

10. The Newspaper-room was supplied during last year with 509 newspapers, numbering 48,020 single issues; of which 93, comprising 12,391 parts, were received from the other Australian States, and 69 files, with 6,959 issues, from Great Britain, India, South Africa, Fiji, Samoa, Japan, Canada, and the United States of America.

11. The Supplementary Catalogue for the years 1896–1900 has been completed by the printers of our own staff, and issued for the use of the public. It contains over 25,000 author entries, and a very copious subject-index, making altogether a large volume of over 1,200 pages. The Trustees regret that the large subject-index referred to in the last Report is still unprinted, and therefore unavailable to the general public. This index, which is practically a key to the 80,000 volumes received during the years 1869–1895, is still lying in MS., representing the unreproductive labour of three men for the greater part of a period of five years. It is suffering serious injury by the constant reference made to it, and the Trustees would strongly urge that the necessary provision be made for printing it. The same applies to the main author Catalogue and subject-index of the Lending Branch for the years 1877–1885, which has been lying in MS. for two years. The absence of a printed Catalogue for the 10,000 volumes belonging to this period—generally the most valuable ones in the Lending Branch—seriously affects the efficiency and educational value of this collection, and the Trustees therefore venture to hope that this Catalogue will soon be printed, either by the Government Printer or by means of a special vote placed at the disposal of the Trustees.

12. In August the Trustees received the following letter from Mr. D. S. Mitchell, with reference to the promise given to him in October, 1898, when he first intimated his intention of bequeathing his collection to the State:—

> Has not the time come to approach the Ministry as to the fulfilment of their promise to decide upon a site for the new Public Library? I think the Cook Park site an admirable one, but would, of course, be perfectly satisfied with any other preferred by the Ministry and by yourselves. But, surely, the site should be decided upon, and operations commenced, at the earliest possible date.

The Trustees held a special meeting to consider this letter, and resolved to form a deputation to wait upon the Minister of Public Instruction with respect to it. The Minister, however, replied that he was of opinion that there was no necessity for a deputation, since the matter was under the consideration of the Government.

The Trustees, recognising the very serious position caused by this unfortunate delay, have given special consideration to the whole question, from Mr. Mitchell's point of view, at several special meetings, and have now, for the information and consideration of the Minister, caused a summary of the whole action taken by them during the past three years to be presented to him. This summary will be found in Appendix H. The Trustees venture to hope that the Government will very soon find it possible to take some definite action with regard to the erection of the new Library, and making due provision for the Mitchell collection, as promised to the donor in October, 1898.

13. Two of the assistants in the Lending Branch, and two cleaners, having, in the opinion of the Public Service Board, subsequently endorsed by the Trustees, been guilty of conduct subversive of the best interests of the Library, the matter was submitted by the Government to the Master in Equity in February on three charges formulated by the Under Secretary of Public Instruction, and the Master in Equity having reported that the charges were proved, the offenders were removed from the Library by the Public Service Board on the unanimous recommendation of the Trustees.

14. It having been determined to strengthen the staff of the Reference Library by the appointment of three cataloguers of superior education, applications were publicly invited, and the fourteen applicants, divided equally between the sexes, were submitted to a competitive examination in library economy, cataloguing, classification, and English literature. The successful candidates were: Miss M. F. Rutherford, B.A., Miss Margaret Windeyer (a diploma student of the Albany Library School of the New York University), and Miss M. Y. Fitzhardinge, M.A., who have been appointed.

15. The Trustees have determined to use a card Catalogue to complement the present system of issuing a printed Supplement every five years. In this way it is hoped to at once obviate the necessity for a large number of supplements, and at the same time provide a Catalogue of current books for the use of the public absolutely up to date.

16. The Dewey or Relative Decimal Classification has been adopted in the Reference Library, as being the most scientific and most generally approved in the general experience of European and American libraries. All accessions are now being classified according to this system, and the main collection of books will be dealt with as opportunity offers. It is hoped that the whole of the books in the Library will be re-classified and ready for transfer into their respective classes by the time that the new Library shall be ready for their accommodation.

17. The Librarian of the Lending Branch, Mr. F. H. Bladen, F.R.H.S., has been granted six months' leave of absence, after twenty-six years' service in different Government departments.

18. In consequence of the crowded state of the main building, it has been found necessary to close the Students' Room to provide accommodation for the books now being received into the Library, and it will be necessary within a few months to close the Women's Room for the same purpose. Besides causing inconvenience to a large number of visitors to the Library, this will throw a greater strain upon the accommodation of the two main Reading Rooms, which is even now overtaxed. These rooms can, at the present time, comfortably accommodate only 120 persons seated at the tables, but they are frequently crowded with 200 people at one time; and there can be no doubt that the attendance of *bonâ fide* students would be still greater if proper accommodation were supplied.

19. As the result of stock-taking at the close of the year, it was found that 40 volumes were missing, making a total of 461 since the opening of the Library in 1869. It is quite certain that a considerable number of these books have been either mislaid or improperly taken from the Library by persons who have no intention of stealing them, in proof of which may be mentioned that as many as 103 volumes have been returned to the shelves during this year, making the total number of volumes now missing 63 less than the number at the close of last year.

During the year two men have been prosecuted for having books, the property of the Trustees, improperly in their possession, one of whom was found guilty, and summarily punished.

20. The Trustees have given a great deal of consideration to the question of the requirements for a new Public Library, and, assuming that its functions in the future will be maintained similar to those of the present and will naturally expand with the growth of the community, they have drawn up a specification, submitted in Appendix I, together with an illustration of the Wisconsin Public Library, which presents an elevation adequately representing their ideal, and capable of embodying their requirements.

Receipts and Expenditure for 1901.

Receipts—	£	s.	d.
From Credit Balance in City Bank, 31st December, 1900 ...	643	15	2
From Parliamentary Votes for financial years 1900–1 and 1901–2	7,316	16	9
From Statutory Endowment for 1901	2,000	0	0
From Fines from Borrowers	41	17	6
From Sale of Waste-paper	38	17	1
From Payment for Books lost from Travelling Boxes	3	8	6
	£10,044	15	0
Expenditure—			
Salaries—Reference Library, Registry of Copyright, International Exchanges	4,204	2	1
Salaries—Lending Branch and Historical Records	1,401	11	0
Salaries—Newspaper-room	257	10	0
Salaries—Country Libraries	110	0	0
Books, periodicals, newspapers, binding...	1,410	8	5
Travelling Boxes	172	3	10
Fuel and Light	228	0	4
Stores and Stationery	79	3	7
Fire Insurance	84	6	0
Rent of Lending Branch	300	0	0
Telephones	34	6	0
Temporary Assistance	129	17	2
Repairs and Incidentals	65	5	10
Balance to credit of Parliamentary Vote, 31st December, 1901	218	10	9
Balance to credit of Endowment Accounts, 31st December, 1901	1,349	10	0
	£10,044	15	0

Examined and found correct,

J. F. Burns, } For the Finance
M. W. MacCallum, } Committee.

JAMES NORTON,
President.

APPENDIX A.

NUMBER of VOLUMES in the PUBLIC LIBRARY OF NEW SOUTH WALES on the 31st December, 1901.

Synopsis of Classification.	Reference Department.		Lending Branch.		For Country Libraries.		Total.
	Added, 1901.	Total.	Added, 1901.	Total.	Added, 1901.	Total.	
Natural Philosophy, Science, and the Arts	279	15,640	69	4,444	4	406	20,490
History, Chronology, Antiquities, and Mythology	159	8,361	45	3,867	4	749	12,977
Biography and Correspondence	146	6,311	63	4,260	13	924	11,495
Geography, Topography, Voyages, and Travels	91	7,744	12	3,713	1	757	12,214
Periodical and Serial Literature	819	34,788	...	.....	6	174	34,962
Jurisprudence, and Political and Social Economy	164	7,166	17	1,345	1	293	8,804
Theology, Moral and Mental Philosophy, and Education	156	7,042	30	1,688	1	114	8,844
Poetry and Drama	116	3,751	7	942	5	107	4,800
General Literature, Philology, and Collected Works	131	7,434	64	6,967*	48	1,324	15,725
Works of Reference	36	4,628	...	.....	...	6	4,634
Duplicates	...	6,145	...	.....	...	.....	6,145
Mitchell Library	...	10,051	...	.....	...	.....	10,051
Total added during 1901	2,097	.....	307	.....	83	.....	.....
Total Number of Volumes	...	119,061	...	27,226	...	4,854	151,141

Books worn out or lost during the past year, deducted from the stock :—Lending Branch, 219 volumes.

* Including 4,208 volumes of Prose Fiction.

APPENDIX B.

NUMBER and AVERAGE of VISITS of READERS to the LIBRARY, the NUMBER of DAYS on which the LIBRARY was OPEN to the PUBLIC, and the AVERAGE NUMBER of VOLUMES USED on SUNDAYS and on WEEK-DAYS from 1st January to 31st December, 1901.

Number of VISITS for the year—	
To the Reference Library	199,592
To the Lending Branch	131,353
To the Newspaper-room	330,808
Total	661,753
Total Visits to the Reference Library on Week-days	191,348
Daily Average of Visits to the Reference Library on Sundays	158
Daily Average of Visits to the Reference Library on Week-days	627
Total Visits to the Reference Library on Sundays	8,244
Daily Average of Visits to the Lending Branch on Week-days	445
Daily Average of Visits to the Newspaper-room on Week-days	1,074
Daily Average of Visits to the Library on Week-days	2,146
Total number of Days that the REFERENCE LIBRARY was open (including 52 Sundays)	357
Total number of Days that the LENDING BRANCH was open	295
Total number of Days that the NEWSPAPER-ROOM was open	308
Average number of VOLUMES used on SUNDAYS—	
Reference Library (from 2 to 6 o'clock p.m.)	188
Average number of VOLUMES used on WEEK-DAYS—	
Reference Library (from 10 o'clock a.m. to 10 o'clock p.m.)	1,881
Lending Branch (from 10 o'clock a.m. to 9 o'clock p.m.)	451
Total	2,332

Summary of VISITS to the Library, 1869–1901.

1869 (three months—1 Oct to 31 Dec.)	17,006	1886	168,685
1870	59,786	1887 (closed three months for moving)	139,203
1871	60,165	1888	149,425
1872	48,817	1889	132,983
1873	76,659	1890	155,822
1874 (eleven months)	57,962	1891	173,205
1875	66,900	1892	197,255
1876	72,724	1893	216,089
1877 (Lending Branch first opened)	124,688	1894 (Newspaper-room opened)	330,431
1878	117,047	1895	409,064
1879 (Exhibition open)	152,036	1896	416,182
1880	134,462	1897	410,987
1881	136,272	1898	424,485
1882 (eleven months)	133,731	1899 (Lending Branch removed)	554,278
1883	155,431	1900	592,115
1884 (eleven months)	161,877	1901	661,753
1885	165,715		

APPENDIX C.

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Classes of Books borrowed from the Lending Branch of the Public Library of New South Wales on Week-days, from 1st January to 31st December, 1901.

No. of Week-days open.	No. of Tickets issued to Borrowers.	No. of Borrowers' Visits.	Synopsis of Classification of Reading.	No. of Vols. available.	No. of Issues.	Average of Vols. issued.	Ratio of Vols. to issues.
295	8,821	131,353	Natural Philosophy, Science, and the Arts	4,444	13,875	47·0	1:3·1
			History, Chronology, Antiquities, and Mythology	3,867	9,791	33·2	1:2·5
			Biography and Correspondence	4,260	8,769	29·7	1:2·0
			Geography, Topography, Voyages, and Travels	3,713	7,923	26·9	1:2·1
			Jurisprudence, Political and Social Economy	1,345	2,733	9·3	1:2·0
			Mental and Moral Philosophy, and Education	1,688	4,207	14·3	1:2·5
			Poetry and Drama	942	2,278	7·7	1:2·4
			General Literature	2,759	7,198	24·4	1:2·6
			Prose Works of Fiction	4,208	76,441	259·1	1:18·2
			Total	27,226	133,215	451·6	1:4·9

APPENDIX D.

Classes of Books read, the Number of Volumes used, and the Number of Visits to the Libraries on Sundays during the year 1901.

No. of Sundays open.	No. of Visits.	Daily average of Visits.		No. of Volumes available.	No. of Volumes used.	Daily average of Vols. used on Sundays.
			Reference Library.			
52	8,244	158	Natural Philosophy, Science, and the Arts	15,640	1,033	19·9
			History, Chronology, Antiquities, and Mythology	8,361	702	13·5
			Biography and Correspondence	6,311	722	14·0
			Geography, Topography, Voyages, and Travels	7,744	641	12·3
			Periodical and Serial Literature	34,788	2,386	45·9
			Jurisprudence, Political and Social Economy	7,166	535	10·3
			Theology, Moral and Mental Philosophy, and Education	7,042	257	4·9
			Poetry and Drama	3,751	500	9·6
			General Literature, Philology, and Collected Works	7,434	2,158	41·5
			Works of Reference	4,628	830	15·9
			Total	102,865	9,764	187·8

APPENDIX E.

Past Trustees of the Public Library of New South Wales.

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Rt. Hon. E. Barton, M.A., Q.C., P.C., 1885–1900.
R. C. Walker, Esq., 1893–1897.

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Cataloguers:—Miss F. M. Rutherford, B.A., Miss M. Windeyer, Miss M. Y. Fitzhardinge, M.A.

APPENDIX F.

NUMBER OF BOXES OF BOOKS BORROWED from the PUBLIC LIBRARY OF NEW SOUTH WALES, SYDNEY, by COUNTRY LIBRARIES, with NUMBER OF VOLUMES ISSUED, during the year 1901.

Town.	Institution.	No. of Boxes borrowed.	No. of Vols. issued.	Town.	Institution.	No. of Boxes borrowed.	No. of Vols. issued.
Armidale	School of Arts	3	115	Lambton	School of Arts	2	107
Balgownie	School of Arts	2	101	Lawson	School of Arts	2	88
Balmoral	School of Arts	1	37	Liverpool	School of Arts	1	55
Ballina	School of Arts	3	123	Lismore	School of Arts	1	46
Bellingen	School of Arts	3	116	Lucknow	School of Arts	2	65
Bellinger Heads	School of Arts	1	46	Maclean	School of Arts	2	92
Bermagui	Mechanics' Institute	2	121	Manildra	School of Arts	3	116
Berrigan	School of Arts	3	119	Marengo	Mechanics' Institute	1	40
Berrima	School of Arts	2	81	Menangle	School of Arts	2	75
Berry	School of Arts	1	45	Merriwa	Mechanics' Institute	2	88
Binnaway	School of Arts	1	69	Millthorpe	Mechanics' Institute	2	107
Black Range	School of Arts	2	92	Mittagong	School of Arts	2	79
Blackheath	Literary Society	2	72	Moorland	School of Arts	2	85
Boolaroo	School of Arts	2	94	Moree	Mechanics' Institute	2	121
Bowral	School of Arts	2	79	Morisset	School of Arts	1	52
Brewarrina	School of Arts	2	80	Morongla Creek	School of Arts	1	40
Broadmeadow	School of Arts	2	111	Mount Kembla	Reading-room	2	121
Bungendore	School of Arts	2	113	Nambucca Heads	School of Arts	2	94
Burrawang	School of Arts	2	81	Nerringundah	School of Arts	2	107
Captain's Flat	School of Arts	1	40	New Lambton	School of Arts	3	136
Carcoar	School of Arts	2	76	Newrybar	School of Arts	2	79
Clear Hills	School of Arts	2	81	Nowra	School of Arts	2	98
Coopernook	School of Arts	1	38	Penrith	School of Arts	2	104
Copeland	School of Arts	3	120	Prospect	School of Arts	2	98
Coraki	School of Arts	2	72	Queanbeyan	School of Arts	1	40
Corrimal	School of Arts	2	110	Quirindi	School of Arts	2	85
Crookwell	School of Arts	2	73	Rawdon Island	School of Arts	1	45
Deniliquin	Mechanics' Institute	3	130	Reno	School of Arts	2	86
Dubbo	Mechanics' Institute	2	90	Richmond	School of Arts	2	88
East Maitland	Mechanics' Institute	3	148	Rolland's Plains	School of Arts	1	37
Eden	School of Arts	2	85	Rookwood	School of Arts	1	44
Federal	School of Arts	3	141	Smithtown	School of Arts	1	54
Forbes	Mechanics' Institute	3	165	Somersby	Mechanics' Institute	2	102
Gallymont	School of Arts	3	134	South Grafton	School of Arts	2	88
Galston	Mechanics' Institute	2	104	Stockton	School of Arts	2	81
Gerringong	School of Arts	1	42	Tamworth	Mechanics' Institute	1	44
Gladstone	School of Arts	2	112	Taralga	School of Arts	2	104
Glenoak	School of Arts	1	37	Taree	School of Arts	1	36
Glenreagh	School of Arts	3	165	Tenterfield	School of Arts	2	100
Grafton	Mechanics' Institute	1	37	The Oaks	School of Arts	2	100
Granville	School of Arts	2	116	Thornleigh	School of Arts	1	44
Grenfell	School of Arts	2	89	Toongabbie	School of Arts	2	80
Gunnedah	School of Arts	2	111	Ulmarra	School of Arts	1	42
Gunning	School of Arts	2	84	Wallerawang	Library	1	42
Harden	Mechanics' Institute	2	90	Waratah	School of Arts	2	92
Hay	Athenæum	3	151	Wauchope	School of Arts	1	34
Helensburgh	School of Arts	2	86	Wellington	Public Library	2	79
Henty	School of Arts	1	36	Wentworth Falls	School of Arts	2	67
Hillgrove	School of Arts	2	126	West Wallsend	School of Arts	1	41
Homebush	School of Arts	1	48	Wickham	School of Arts	2	72
Hornsby Junction	School of Arts	2	86	Wollar	Mechanics' Institute	2	71
Ingleburn	School of Arts	1	42	Wolumla	School of Arts	1	40
Islington	School of Arts	2	81	Woodburn	School of Arts	2	113
Jamberoo	School of Arts	1	66	Woolgoolga	School of Arts	2	126
Jasper's Brush	School of Arts	2	91	Woonona	School of Arts	2	87
Jerilderie	School of Arts	2	90	Wrightville	School of Arts	1	44
Jindera	School of Arts	2	96	Wyalong	School of Arts	1	36
Junee	School of Arts	2	79	Wyong	School of Arts	1	39
Kangaroo Valley	School of Arts	1	43	Young	School of Arts	2	61
Keiraville	School of Arts	2	84	Young Wallsend	School of Arts	2	84
Kempsey	School of Arts	2	80				
Kenthurst	School of Arts	2	82				
Kiama	School of Arts	2	115		Total	225	10,188

APPENDIX G.

List of Donations received during 1901.

Donor.	Volumes.
Adelaide Steamship Company	1
Adelaide University	1
Agent-General for New South Wales	3
American Agricultural Colleges and Experimental Stations—Reports and Bulletins	132
Amos, Alex.	1
Argentine Republic	1
Arnold, R. A.	6
Atkinson, R. S.	2
Australian Association for the Advancement of Science.	1
Australasian Institute of Mining Engineers	2
Australasian Ornithologists' Union	1
Australian Tobacco Journal Proprietors	1
Bachem, J. P.	1
Barling, Joseph	2
Birmingham and Midland Institute	1
Birmingham Free Libraries	3
Bishop & Co., J. E.	1
Board for International Exchanges	1,311
Boston Children's Aid Society	11
Brazilian Government	68
British and Foreign Bible Society	1
British Columbia Government	1
British Museum	24
Canterbury College	1
Cash, A.	1
Ceylon Government	2
Cincinnati Public Library	2
Clark, Ulysses	1
Colonial Secretary, New South Wales	20
Colorado Agricultural Experiment Station	1
Connecticut State Library	4
Empire Patriotic League	1
Falstedt, C.	19
Fiji Government	47
Giddons, J. Harcourt	4
Government Printer, New South Wales	6
Government Printer, New Zealand	2
Harvard College Observatory	5
Heydon, Judge	2
Higgins, H. B.	1
Illinois, University of	11
Inglis, James	1
Institute of Bankers of New South Wales	3
Institution of Civil Engineers	6
Irvine, Gerard D'Arcy	1
John Ryland's Library	1
Kodaikanol and Madras Observatories	2
Lamb, E. W.	17
Lee, Alfred	1
Leng & Co., J.	1
Library Association	1
Library Reports— Aguilar Free Library Society, Auckland Institute and Museum, Bathurst, Birmingham, Birmingham and Midland Institute, Bolton, Boston, Brighton, British Museum, Cincinnati, Detroit, District of Columbia, Enoch Pratt Free Library, Heginbottom Free Library, John Crerar Library, Leeds, Liverpool, Manchester, New Hampshire State Library, Newcastle School of Arts, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Norwich, Peabody Institute, Philadelphia, Philadelphia City Institute, Pratt Institute, Richmond, St. Giles, St. Helen's, Shakespeare Memorial Library, South Australia, Stirling and Glasgow Public Library, Westminster, Wisconsin Free Library Commission.	
McGill University	8
McKinley & Co., Alex.	1
Madras Government	4
Manchester Public Free Libraries	3
Mather and Crowther, Ltd.	1
Matheson, Hon. A.	1
Maund, R. H.	2
Melbourne Public Library	11
Millar, T. L.	3
Minnesota Historical Society	1
Moors, E. M.	1
Navy League	13
New Jersey State Agricultural Experiment Station.	1
New York Mercantile Library	1
New York Public Library	1
New York State Library	19
New Zealand Government	9

Donor.	Volumes.
Newspapers, Proprietors of— "Adelaide Advertiser," "Adelaide Critic," "Adelaide Southern Cross," "Albany Advertiser," "Allababad Pioneer," "American Exporter," "American Machinist," "Ararat Advertiser," "Auckland Observer," "Australasian Pastoralists' Review," "Avoca Free Press," "Bairnsdale Advertiser," "Ballarat Courier," "Ballarat Star," "Belfast Weekly Telegraph," "Bendigo Advertiser," "Brisbane Age," "British Australasian," "British North Borneo Herald," "British North Official Gazette," "British Weekly," "Bunyip," "Cairns Morning Post," "Call" (San Francisco), "Camden Echo," "Camperdown Chronicle," "Canterbury Times," "Cape Argus," "Cape Times," "Castlemaine Leader," "Charleville Times," "Chiltern and Howlong Times," "Chiltern Federal Standard," "Christchurch Weekly Press," "Christian Science Sentinel," "Church Commonwealth," "Clipper" (Hobart), "Cloncurry Advocate," "Cobden Times," "Colac Herald," "Coleraine Albion," "Coolgardie Miner," "Cork Examiner," "Croydon Mining News," "Dalby Herald," "Darling Downs Gazette," "Donald Times," "Dunedin Evening Star," "Dunolly and Betbetshire Express," "East Charlton Tribune," "Echuca and Moama Advertiser," "Flashes" (Brisbane), "Florida Agriculturist," "Freeman's Journal," "Geelong Advertiser," "Geelong Times," "Gippsland Independent," "Gippsland Times," "Gladstone Observer," "Glasgow Evening Citizen," "Glasgow Evening News," "Hamilton Advertiser," "Hawkes Bay Herald," "Herald of the Golden Age," "Hobart Mercury," "Hopetoun Courier," "Horsham Times," "Indian Daily News," "Japan Weekly Mail," "Kalgoorlie Miner," "Kerang New Times," "Kerang Observer," "Kolnische Volks Zeitung," "Koriot Sentinel," "Korumburra Southern Mail," "Kyabram Free Press," "Ladies' Pictorial," "Launceston Daily Telegraph," "Launceston Examiner," "Launceston Monitor," "Launceston Weekly Courier," "Leaves of Healing," "Lloyd's Weekly," "London Guardian," "London Standard" (Vic.) "London Weekly Times," "M.A.P.," "Mackay Chronicle," "Mackay Mercury," "Manchester Courier," "Maranoa Advocate," "Melbourne Advocate," "Melbourne Age," "Melbourne Argus," "Melbourne Leader," Melbourne Southern Cross," "Melbourne Sportsman," "Melbourne Tribune," "Melbourne Weekly Times," "Mount Morgan Herald," "Narracoorte Herald," "Natal Witness," "New York Exporters' and Importers' Journal," "New York Journal," "New York World," "New Zealand Herald," "New Zealand Mail," "Nhill Free Press," "North British Agriculturist," "North Coolgardie Herald," "North Queensland Herald," "North Queensland Register," "Oamaru Mail," "Otago Witness," "Outtrim News," "Ovens Register," "Owestry Advertiser," "People's Weekly" (Moonta), "Perth Morning Herald," "Petersburg Times," "Philadelphia Record," "Point Loma New Century," "Point Loma Universal Brotherhood," "Port Denison Times," "Port Pirie Recorder," "Portland Guardian," "Portland Observer," "Progress," "Reynolds' Newspaper," "Rhodesia Herald," "Riverine Herald," "Rockhampton Bulletin," "Samoanische Zeitung," "San Francisco Bulletin," "San Francisco Daily Chronicle," "San Francisco Examiner," "San Francisco Weekly Chronicle," "Seattle Post Intelligence," "South Australian Register," "Stawell News," "Taranaki Herald," "Tasmanian Mail," "Tocsin," (Melbourne), "Toowoomba Settler," "Torres Straits Pilot," "Townsville Evening Star," "Trinity Times," "Truth" (Gympie), "Vancouver World," "Wakatip Mail," "Warwick Argus," "Warwick Examiner," "Weekly Scotsman," "Wellington Evening Post," "West Australian," "West Australian Record, "West Sussex Gazette," "Western Argus," "Western Mail," "Western Pacific Herald," "Wide Bay and Burnett News," "Winomera Star," "Wild River Times," "Yarrawonga Chronicle," "Yeoman," (Wanganui), "Zeehan and Dundas Herald."	

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Donor.	Volumes.	Donor.	Volumes.
O'Connor, Senator Hon. R. E.	1	Society for the encouragement of Arts, Manufactures, and Commerce	1
Ontario Government (Statutes)	1	South Australian Government	7
Padley, James	25	,, ,, Public Library	5
Paris, L'Observatoire de	1	,, ,, School of Mines and Industries, and Technological Museum	1
Pharmacy Board of New South Wales	2	South African Conciliation Committee	12
Philadelphia Free Library	1	Sowden, W. J.	1
Public Instruction (N.S.W.), Department of	2	Sydney Chamber of Commerce	2
Queensland Government	2	Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts	1
Radcliffe Observatory, Oxford	1	Tasmanian Government	10
Reale Osservatorie di Brera	1	Tepper, J. G. O.	4
Religious Tract Society	1	Thomas, Ralph	1
Rhode Island, State of	8	Treasury (N.S.W.), Department of	75
Rogers, E. N.	1	United States Government	29
Royal Colonial Institute	3	Vermont Agricultural Experiment Station	1
Royal Humane Society of Australasia	1	Victorian Government	11
Royal Institute of British Architects	1	Volta Bureau	3
Royal Observatory, Greenwich	6	Western Australian Government	6
Royal Society of South Australia	2	Whitfield, Miss	2
Royal Society of Victoria	1	Whitney, F. M.	1
Russell, H. C.	1	Williams, W. H.	1
Secretary of State for the Colonies	25	Wisconsin Free Library Commission	1
Shinn, C. H.	2	Zoological and Acclimatisation Society of Victoria	1
Smithsonian Institution	8		
Société d'Emulation du Doubs	1		

APPENDIX H.

Summary of action taken by the Trustees of the Public Library of New South Wales re getting a new library and making provision therein for the Mitchell Collection. October, 1898—January, 1902.

On 17th October, 1898, the Principal Librarian intimated to the Minister of Public Instruction (Hon. J. A. Hogue, M.L.A.), that he had been authorised by Mr. David Scott Mitchell, M.A., to state in writing that that gentleman purposed bequeathing to the Public Library of New South Wales his collection of 30,000 volumes, prints, engravings, and pictures, conditionally that the Government should give their assurance that suitable accommodation would be provided for the collection at an early date, and that it should be kept separate, and known as the "Mitchell Collection," and be made freely available for students. It was intimated that it was proposed to add to it at the rate of £800 a year, and that the whole of this absolutely unique Australian collection had been valued by Professor Morris, of Melbourne University, at £100,000. On 31st idem, Mr. Mitchell received a reply from the Department of Public Instruction, in which the Minister expressed his thanks, on behalf of himself and the other members of the Cabinet, for Mr. Mitchell's generous offer, and gave assurance that the Government would be "most willing to comply with" his expressed wishes for the fitting reception and care of this invaluable bequest.

On 3rd November, 1898, Mr. Mitchell communicated with the Minister, expressing a hope that it would soon be found possible to decide upon a site for the new Public Library, and an acknowledgment of the letter was received on 8th idem.

On 17th November the Principal Librarian forwarded to the Minister a copy of a report which had been submitted by the Trustees to his predecessor, the Hon. G. H. Reid, on 27th June, 1883, concerning the state of the Public Library, and it was intimated that the remarks contained therein would substantially apply to the present building. In that report the Trustees had expressed their satisfaction that the Ministry of the day had determined to erect a Public Library on the site of the Hyde Park Immigration Barracks (now Chancery-square), and the congested state of the Library was brought under notice.

The Principal Librarian informed the Minister on 17th January, 1899, that Mr. Mitchell had expressed a desire to hand over 15,000 volumes as soon as accommodation should have been provided. The Principal Librarian suggested the advisability of utilising the residence adjoining the Library, at that time occupied by himself, for storing this first instalment, and the Minister in reply, on 6th February, suggested to Mr. Mitchell the adoption of this course. Mr. Mitchell on 14th February intimated that he would be willing to hand over as many volumes as could be accommodated in the way suggested, provided that access to the books should be regulated as nearly as possible as in the British Museum; and four days later the Minister accepted this offer, with thanks, on the terms specified. This was duly recorded in the Trustees' Annual Report for 1898.

On 20th March, 1899, the Hon. Dr. Norton, President of the Trustees, in a letter to the Minister regarding the nature of the changes in respect to the Principal Librarian's residence, which the handing over of the first instalment of books would involve, mentioned that Mr. Mitchell proposed to endow the Library with a sum sufficient to enable the Trustees to ensure the steady growth of his collection, and in this connection stated that, as Mr. Mitchell's legal adviser, he had informed him that the only satisfactory way in which the fulfilment of his wishes could be accomplished would be by the incorporation of the Trustees, so as to ensure their perpetual succession. The necessity for the erection of a new Library in the near future was also urged. The Minister replied, on 25th idem, that while he sympathised with Mr. Mitchell's solicitude regarding his collection, the question of the choice of a site demanded serious consideration. He was of opinion that the one at the top of King-street was the most desirable. Some difficulty might be experienced in finding accommodation for the Law Courts, but this need not involve any serious delay. The Minister was in accord with the suggestion as to incorporation.

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On 18th September, 1899, the first instalment of books having been received, the Minister was requested to move the Public Service Board to provide an officer to catalogue them. Nothing was done in this direction, but the Trustees have since been able to re-organise the staff, and thereby provide for this important work without additional expense.

The Principal Librarian, on 13th October, communicated with the Minister of Public Instruction (Hon. J. Perry, M.L.A.), pointing out the insufficiency of the present Library building, and urging that steps be taken to provide adequate accommodation for the Mitchell Collection. It was also requested that the matter of the incorporation of the Trustees might be expedited, to enable Mr. Mitchell to make definite arrangements for the endowment of his collection.

In December, 1899, a Bill for the incorporation of this Institution was introduced by the Hon. B. R. Wise, and passed as "The Public Library and Art Gallery Act, 1899." On 25th January, 1900, a further communication reporting the congestion of the present building was forwarded to the Minister, and he was invited to inspect the Library, to satisfy himself as to its crowded condition.

In their report for 1899 the Trustees again urged the necessity for early consideration of the best method of dealing with this important matter, and predicted that in two years' time all parts of the present building would be absolutely packed full of presses of books, with only 2 feet of passage between them. This prediction has now been amply verified.

On 23rd August, 1900, a deputation of six Trustees waited on Mr. Perry, to urge that a new and commodious building should be erected on the site (Chancery-square) approved by the Legislative Assembly, 15th March, 1881, or on such other eligible site as might be chosen by the Government. The Minister intimated that he would have the matter submitted without delay to the Public Works Committee, and assured the deputation that the housing of the Mitchell Library and the erection of a Public Library were within measurable distance.

On 5th October, 1900, the Principal Librarian reported, that at the last meeting of the Trustees it had unanimously been resolved that a communication be sent to the Minister, asking that steps be taken to obtain authority for the early erection of a new building; and on 3rd November a rough sketch of the requirements of a new library, as approved by the Trustees, was furnished.

On 29th May, 1901, it was intimated by the Minister of Public Instruction that the question of a site for the new library was under consideration, and that the matter would be referred to the Public Works Committee. It was also publicly announced that he himself favoured the present site of the Department of Public Instruction as the site for a new library.

In their Annual Report for 1900, the Trustees again reported the action taken by them during the year, and said:—

"The Trustees deeply regret that no definite decision has yet been arrived at with regard to this important matter, and they regard with very great anxiety the probable effect of this delay on the intentions of Mr. Mitchell, who has naturally been expecting the realisation of the promises made to him more than two years ago, when he intimated his intentions with regard to his collection and the endowment to accompany the same, and was assured that the Government would lose no time in complying with the conditions of his gift.

"The Trustees have good grounds for advising the Minister that any further delay in carrying out the promises of the Government with regard to Mr. Mitchell's bequest may have a very serious effect on the final disposition of his library, and the endowment which he intends to provide with it.

"The Trustees can only reiterate with increased emphasis the remarks in their last report with regard to the crowded and inconvenient conditions of the present building, and the absolute impossibility, under present conditions, of managing the Library in accordance with the most approved principles of library economy."

In this report they also gave the following resumé of all that had been done with regard to the erection of a new Library from the year 1879 down to date:—

In August, 1879, a special meeting of the Board was held, to consider a letter from the Minister of Public Instruction, inviting them "to offer suggestions as to the site, &c., for the proposed new building, as the question of erecting a new Public Library would shortly engage the attention of the Government"; and in response to that request the Trustees chose four sites, which they considered suitable for the purposes of a Public Library; and indicated that the first, the site of the old Hyde Park Barracks and parade ground, was pre-eminently suitable for their requirements. The second was the site of Cook Park, which, it is interesting to note, was originally granted by Governor Darling, in 1827, as a site for the Australian Subscription Library, besides two allotments above Rushcutter's Bay, in aid of the building fund. Governor Bourke having disallowed the grant of the Cook Park allotments, the present site at the corner of Bent and Macquarie Streets was granted by Sir George Gipps in 1842, and with the proceeds of the sale of the other allotments, which had realised £3,384 in 1840, the building was erected which stood here till 1885. This was bought by the Government in 1869, with the collection of 16,000 volumes, for £5,100, and became the Sydney Free Public Library.

By the Appropriation Act of 1879, the sum of £150,000 (Item 844) was voted for the erection of a new public library, out of which about £25,000 only was spent in the years 1884 and 1887.

On 24th November, 1880, by virtue of "The Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act," 44 Victoria No. 16 of 1880, the Government resumed the present site of the Girls' High School and all the contiguous land, extending on the south to Market-street, and bounded by Elizabeth and Castlereagh Streets, "for the purpose of the erection thereon of a Public Library, and of buildings to be used in connection therewith." This was not one of the four sites chosen by the Trustees of that day, nor is it considered by the Trustees of to-day a very suitable site for the purposes of a library; but it may be fairly urged that this site practically belongs to the Library, owing to the generous Parliamentary Vote of 1879, and the subsequent action of the Government of the day. The properties included in this resumption are entered in the books of the Government Agent as "Library properties," and have been yielding rents to the value of more than £1,200 per annum for the last twenty years, without reckoning anything for the large premises used by the Girls' High School.

In 1879, the Colonial Architect prepared plans of a Public Library and Art Gallery, which was to be built along William and Yurong Streets, forming, with the Australian Museum, a noble block of buildings. The Library was planned to hold 200,000 volumes, and the central reading-room to accommodate 600 readers. An elevation of this handsome building, as proposed, was published as a supplement to the *Sydney Mail*, 14th June, 1879.

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In March, 1881, a motion was carried in the Legislative Assembly, in opposition to the Ministry of the day, in favour of building the new Library on the site of the Hyde Park Barracks, now called Chancery-square, and on 20th June, 1883, the Minister of Public Instruction informed the Trustees that "the Government had determined to erect a Free Public Library on a block of Crown land at the top of King-street, where the Immigration Barracks, District Court, and the Colonial Architect's office now stand." The Trustees at once assured the Minister of their entire satisfaction "that the position of the site had finally been chosen, and that one so suitable in every respect had been found." Acting on instructions, the Colonial Architect, thereupon, after several conferences with the Trustees, prepared new plans of a handsome and suitable building for a Public Library to be built on this site, but nothing further was done in the matter.

On the 5th October, 1882, Sir Henry Parkes moved in the Legislative Assembly, "That this House approves of a suitable portion of the land now occupied by the Benevolent Asylum, and the residence of the Inspector-General of Police, in Pitt-street South, being set apart and appropriated as a site for a Free Public Library." He also brought forward a proposition in favour of inviting competitive designs from all the Australasian Colonies, "which should provide for an elevation by dome or tower to form a conspicuous object of attraction in the approaches to the city." In introducing the subject at that time, more than eighteen years ago, he said: "We (the Government) think it is an object of the highest consideration in respect to the Library that the sanction of Parliament should be at once given to the commencement of this great national institution," and as the money (£150,000, voted in 1879) was available, he proposed to commence building within one month after having laid the successful designs, with estimate of cost, on the Table of the House. After a prolonged debate, the proposition was negatived by a large majority, the opinion of the members being clearly against the proposed site as unsuitable for the purpose in view, in comparison with that which had been approved by them in March, 1881.

In 1884, owing to the dangerous condition of the existing building, it was found necessary to take down the Bent-street section of it, and rebuild it at a cost of £12,247; and in 1887 the Macquarie-street frontage had to be replaced for the same reason, at a cost of £10,455. The contract for the necessary fittings amounted to £2,443, so that a total of £25,145 had to be spent on what was necessarily an unsuitable and inadequate building. The Trustees reported to the Minister in 1884 that "they considered all enlargements and adaptations of the present building to be of an essentially temporary and makeshift character."

In December, 1900, a Select Committee of the House reported: "It is but fair to the Principal Librarian and the staff to add that your Committee are satisfied that the very best use is made of the limited wall and floor space at their disposal," and further "Your Committee feel it incumbent upon them to urge that steps be taken, without further delay, in the direction of providing a building capable of accommodating the accumulated literary treasures of the State."

On 17th August, 1901, the Board held a special meeting to consider the suggestion which had been made of taking the site of the Public Instruction Department for the new Library, and resolved: (1) that the site was far too small, comprising less than three-quarters of an acre; and (2) that the piecemeal method of construction which would be necessary would prevent the internal arrangements of the Library from being in accord with the latest principles of library economy, and would preclude the erection of an appropriately noble building harmoniously planned. As it has been publicly announced that the site placed first by the Trustees in 1879, and still preferred by them, has been set apart for the new Law Courts, the Trustees can now recommend no better site than their original second choice of Cook Park. A site of two acres in this park is now recommended as highly suitable, both in point of size, position, elevation, and isolation by roads from surrounding land, and in view of the fact that the appropriation of the land would not deprive the general public of any actual privileges that need be taken into serious consideration.

On the 22nd August a communication was received from Mr. Mitchell, suggesting that the Ministry should be approached on the subject of choosing a site. The Minister, on 29th idem, submitted a copy of the particulars and conditions upon which it was proposed to invite competitive designs for a new Public Library, and requested that the Trustees would state their views regarding the proposals. Special meetings of the Board were held in September, and on the 27th of that month the Trustees submitted a rough specification of the requirements of a Public Library calculated to provide sufficient accommodation for twenty years' growth, and to allow of expansion for fifty years without any fundamental change of plan. At the same time a sketch plan was submitted, with the request that the Government Architect might be moved to furnish, for the Trustees' further consideration, a simple ground plan of the three floors as per specification, and also a sketch elevation. No reply has been received to this request.

The Principal Librarian, on 6th September, drew up a report, pointing out the necessity for choosing a site of adequate area, and indicating the many advantages of Cook Park (failing the original choice of the Trustees in 1879), and on 14th idem prepared a memorandum on the subject, which was submitted to the Minister a fortnight later by order of the Trustees. On 18th September the Minister was invited to receive a deputation from the Trustees in regard to Mr. Mitchell's letter of 22nd August, and it was intimated that the Trustees had unanimously decided to recommend the securing of two acres of Cook Park as the site. A reply was received on 24th idem, stating that the Minister was of opinion that, since the matter was under the consideration of the Government, there was no necessity for a deputation.

Mr. Mitchell's letter of 22nd August last was again considered at a meeting of the Trustees on 21st January, 1902, and at a special meeting on 28th idem, when it was resolved that a précis of the Trustees' action in this matter be made and sent to the Minister of Public Instruction for his information and consideration.

APPENDIX I.

REQUIREMENTS FOR A PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR NEW SOUTH WALES CALCULATED TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT ACCOMMODATION FOR TWENTY YEARS' GROWTH, AND TO ALLOW OF EXPANSION FOR FIFTY YEARS WITHOUT ANY FUNDAMENTAL CHANGE OF PLAN.

Proposed by the Trustees of the Public Library of New South Wales for the consideration of the Minister of Public Instruction, September, 1901.

GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS.

THE general elevation, exterior approaches, entrances and corridors may be embellished, but all rooms intended for use by the public, while attractive in form and colour, should be free from showy decoration or artistic ornamentation, which will naturally attract sight-seers and disturb the quiet and decorum of workers and students. It must be planned primarily to ensure prompt service to the public. The main reading-room should require few attendants for the supervision of every part. There should be few steps to be climbed and as little labour as possible, mechanical means being provided for raising books throughout the stacks and in the main building, and conveying them by book-railways to the different reading-rooms. As much natural light as possible should be provided in all parts, the windows in the reading-rooms to extend right up to the ceiling, and an open courtyard left in the four corners of the quadrangle. If effective natural ventilation be not practicable in the central reading-room, stacks, and newspaper-room, provision should be made for artificial means in these parts of the library. The measurements as indicated in the specification are merely approximate, but should be adhered to as closely as architectural exigencies will permit, and the different rooms should be placed, as far as possible, in the relative positions indicated by the alphabetical order as shown, commencing with A in north-east corner (assuming that the main axis of the building will run north and south). The whole building should be made fire-proof and vermin-proof, as far as practicable. No artificial heating for reading-rooms is deemed necessary.

1. Central reading-room, 100 feet in diameter, circular or octagonal in shape, to accommodate sixty persons with writing-desks and 300 readers at tables; walls to be lined with steel book-presses, of standard size, two stories high, to contain 25,000 volumes of the most useful works of reference; a gallery capable of being similarly lined with book-presses, two stories high, to hold another 25,000 volumes when required; main entrance for the public from the vestibule; another entrance on the east for the staff, also on the north and south into the two stacks; clerestory windows; domed roof.

The basement of this will contain—Tea-room for the public, workshop for the carpenter, room for stacking and seasoning timber, store-room for spare presses, tools, &c., lavatories for public (men and women), to be approached by steps from the vestibule in front, machinery for ventilating reading-rooms (if necessary), bicycle-room for public, machinery for generating electric light (if deemed necessary).

2. Two book-stacks, 40 feet x 34 feet, seven stories of 7 ft. 6 in. each, north and south respectively of the central reading-room; the third floor to be on the level of the central reading-room, and of the first floor of the main building; the fifth floor to be level with the second story of the main building and the gallery of the reading-room; lift to carry two persons and a load of books for each stack, with electric book-carrier and book-railway from each into reading-room and round the arcades on first and second floors respectively; central aisle to be 3 feet wide, gangways 30 inches, total capacity 400,000 volumes.

3. The main building to be in the form of three sides of a rectangle, the greatest frontage being approximately 300 feet and depth 180 feet, forming with reading-room and two stacks four open courtyards, all to be connected by a cart road.

4. The ground floor will provide accommodation for—

(*a*) Three lavatories for staff—men and women.
(*b*) Three luncheon rooms for seniors, juniors, and female assistants, 900 feet, with facilities for cooking.
(*c*) Passage and stairs, 300 feet.
(*d*) Book-lift to take books up to Board-room.
(*e*) Unpacking boxes, checking accessions, &c., 600 feet.
(*f*) Reference library cataloguers' room for four persons, 1,000 feet.
(*g*) Country exchanges, storage of boxes, &c., 1,000 feet.
(*h*) Room for storing and dealing with work of Board for International Exchanges, fitted with wall-presses, 400 feet.
(*i*) Bindery, 2,400 feet.
(*j*) Printers, 1,200 feet, and stock-room, 200 feet.
(*k*) Store-room for stationery, &c., 200 feet.
(*l*) Store-room for catalogues and printing paper, fitted with wall-presses, 300 feet.
(*m*) Duplicates, fitted with steel presses, 1,000 feet.
(*n*) Fumigating-room for disinfecting books, 200 feet.
(*o*) Cleaners'-room, 200 feet.
(*p*) Two cupboards and closets for cleaners, 200 feet.
(*q*) Strong-room for special treasures, 200 feet.
(*r*) Passage and hall, 400 feet.
(*s*) Children's-room, fitted with tables, for 100 children, with archway, 3,000 feet.
(*t*) Two offices for librarian, cataloguers, and clerks, 800 feet.
(*u*) Lending Branch, fitted with steel presses for 50,000 volumes, with large delivery counter opposite the entrance for public about the middle of the wing, 6,000 feet.
(*v*) Two lavatories for Lending Branch staff—men and women.

5. The first floor will provide for—

(*a*) Two lavatories for staff—men and women.
(*b*) Three offices for assistant librarians (2), secretary, and clerical staff, 1,200 feet.
(*c*) Entrance to administrative offices and passage, with staircase to second floor and to the basement, and lift for books, 300 feet.
(*d*) Copyright-room, 300 feet.

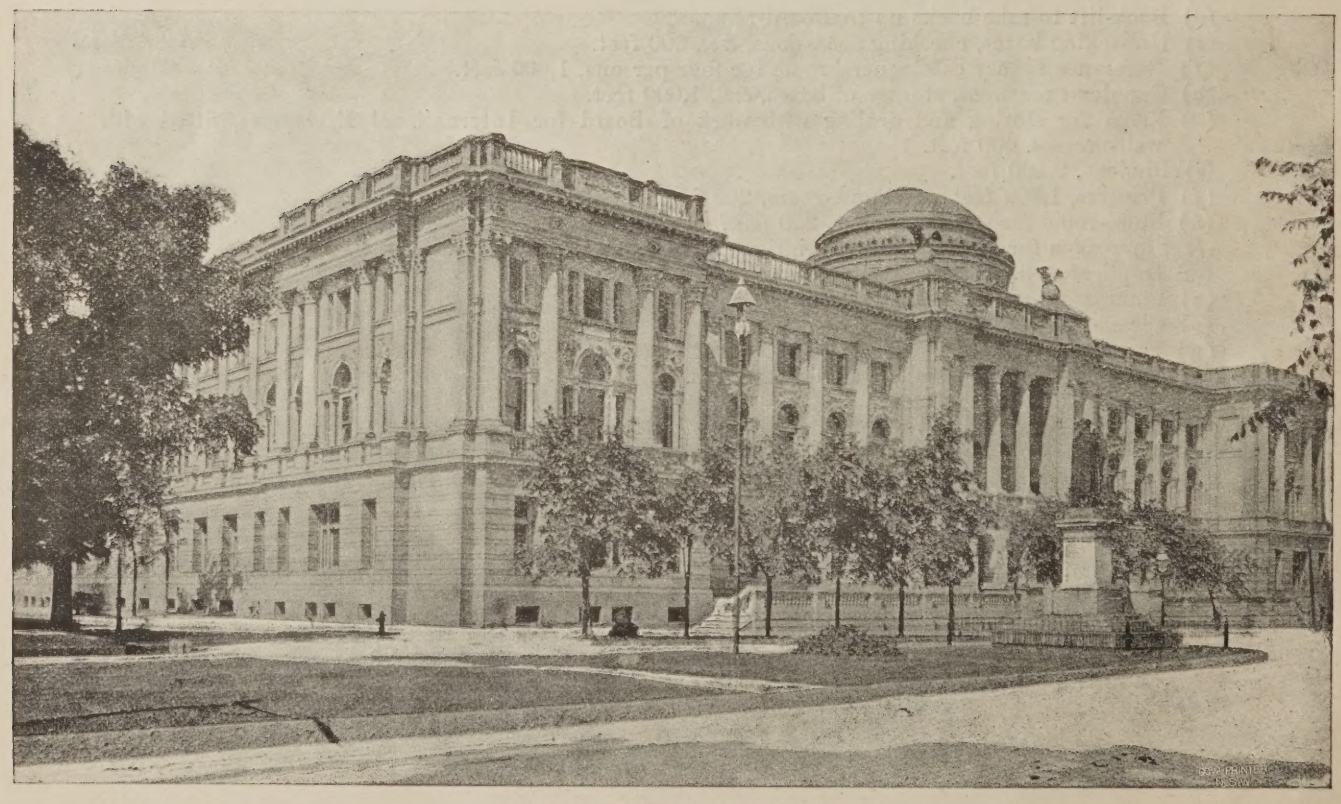
(*e*) Files of magazines, fitted with steel presses, 1,200 feet } connected by archway.
(*f*) Files of newspapers, fitted with steel presses, 2,400 feet }
(*g*) Newspaper-room, 4,000 feet, with alcove for current magazines, 1,000 feet, to accommodate 400 readers, and to be furnished with the necessary reading-stands and tables.
(*h*) Vestibule, 2,000 feet, containing cloak and bag room, stairs leading to second floor, opening into Mitchell library on south and newspaper-room on north, wide approach to central reading-room on the level, stairs down to tea-room, lavatories, and bicycle-room for public; lift for visitors, if deemed necessary.
(*i*) Mitchell library, specially fitted, 5,000 feet } connected by archway.
(*j*) Australian collection, fitted with presses, 4,600 feet }
(*k*) Folio-room, fitted with wall-presses and glass-cases, 1,000 feet.
(*l*) Arcade or passage running round the inside of the quadrangle, affording means of intercommunication between all rooms, and opening into the third floor of both stacks, wide enough for a book-railway.

6. Second floor to contain—

(*a*) Two lavatories for trustees and staff.
(*b*) Principal Librarian's office, 600 feet, and ante-room for typewriter, 300 feet.
(*c*) Room for meetings of Board of International Exchanges, 300 feet.
(*d*) Lobby, passage, and landing of staircase and book-lift, 300 feet.
(*e*) Trustees' board-room, 900 feet, and ante-room to be used as a committee-room, 300 feet.
(*f*) Three rooms for special students, 900 feet.
(*g*) Type-writing room, for the use of the public in transcribing from books and records, 300 feet.
(*h*) Photographic-room for use of public, 400 feet.
(*i*) Archives and historical records, fitted with wall-presses, 1,000 feet.
(*j*) Lecture-room for 500 people, 3,000 feet.
(*k*) Lecture-room for 100 people, 600 feet.
(*l*) Main lobby and landing, 1,000 feet.
(*m*) Public documents, Parliamentary papers, &c., fitted with wall-presses, 3,000 feet.
(*n*) Scientific serials, fitted with wall-presses, 1,000 feet.
(*o*) Patents (American and British), fitted with wall-presses, 1,200 feet.
(*p*) Fine arts room, specially fitted, 1,000 feet.
(*q*) Australian music deposited under copyright, 300 feet.
(*r*) Maps and charts, fitted, stands, cabinets, and tables, 600 feet.
(*s*) Prints and engravings, specially fitted, 300 feet.
(*t*) Bibles in all languages, fitted with wall-presses, 600 feet.
(*u*) Shakespeariana, fitted with wall-presses, 500 feet.
(*v*) Polynesian languages, fitted with wall-presses, 600 feet.
(*w*) Rare books, manuscripts, and literary curiosities, specially fitted, 1,200 feet.
(*x*) Two rooms for special collections, 1,200 feet.
(*y*) Room for books for the blind, 500 feet.
(*z*) Arcade or passage passing round the three sides of the quadrangle, allowing outside communication between all rooms, wide enough for book-railway to run, opening into fifth floor of each of the book-stacks, and into gallery of reading-room.

7. Detached quarters for caretaker on the back building line, about the middle of one of the courtyards.

8. Detached quarters for senior officer if land available.



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